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"Perfection doesn't exist in anyone. Striving for perfection in any part of our lives is a recipe for failure, since it can never be attained." - Dr. John Grohol

JCSU
HC '16

MARY JOYCE TAYLOR CRISP
STUDENT UNION

Alma Mater

Loyalty Song

We love thee, Smith, with all our hearts!
To thee we'll e'er be true
And in the light of truth and right
Hold high the Gold and Blue

Refrain

Proudly we hail thy name, our Alma Mater, Old S.U.
Johnson C. Smith our own! Our hope, our guiding
star, our light unfailing
Pride of our loyal hearts, we'll love and honor thee
our whole life through
On, ever on! dear old J.C.S.U.

Fair Smith, where'er on earth we roam,
Send forth thy constant ray
And let it beam with steadfast gleam
To lead us o'er life's way.

Words by: George Leonard Allen

Music by: R. Tate

HISTORY

In 1867, the Rev. S.C. Alexander and the Rev. W. L. Miller saw the need to establish an institution in this section of the South. On April 7, 1867 at a meeting of the Catawba Presbytery in the old Charlotte Presbyterian Church, the movement for the school was formally inaugurated, and these two ministers were elected as teachers. Mary D. Biddle, an excellent churchwoman of Philadelphia, Pa., who, through appeals in one of the church papers, pledged \$1,400 to the school. In appreciation of this first and generous contribution, friends requested that Biddle name the newly established school after her late husband, Major Henry Biddle. From 1867 to 1876, the school was named Biddle Memorial Institute and chartered by the state legislature.

Colonel W. R. Myers, a wealthy citizen of Charlotte, donated the first eight acres of land for the school. In 1876, the charter was changed by the Legislature of the State of North Carolina, and the name became Biddle University. The institution operated under this name until 1923. In 1883, a new university building was erected and served as the main administrative building for the university. Presently known as Biddle Memorial Hall, the building featured recitation rooms, a 600-seat audience chamber and an annex for the chapel.

From 1921 to 1922, the late Jane Berry Smith of Pittsburgh, Pa., gave funds to build a theological dormitory, science hall, teachers' cottage and a memorial gate. In addition, she provided a handsome endowment for the institution in memory of her late husband Johnson C. Smith. In recognition of these generous benefactions, the board of trustees voted to change the name of the institution to Johnson C. Smith University (JCSU). The charter of the school, accordingly, was amended on March 1, 1923, by the Legislature of the State of North Carolina. From 1923 until her death in October 1929, Smith gave funds for five more buildings, including a campus church.

From 1924 to 1925, the university was further strengthened by a substantial provision from James B. Duke, a wealthy businessman of Somerville, N.J. In the authorization of the establishment of the Duke Endowment on December 11, 1924, JCSU was included as one of the beneficiaries. Through the years, the Duke Endowment has been of inestimable value to the continued development of the university. Also, in 1924, JCSU was recognized as a four-year college by the North Carolina State Board of Education. In 1929, the high school department was discontinued, and the standard program was restricted to a college of liberal arts and sciences and a theological department. In 1932, the university's charter was amended, providing for the admission of women to the senior division. The 65-year-old institution for men then became partially coeducational.

In 1938, the institution attained the status of an independent college, affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, reporting to the General Assembly through the Board of Christian Education. The first residence hall for women, named in memory of James B. Duke, was dedicated in 1940. In 1941, women were admitted to the freshman class. When the Diamond Jubilee was celebrated in 1942, the university was a fully coeducational institution. In November 1955, the Henry Lawrence McCrorey Theological Hall was dedicated and provided a new home for the 88-year-old seminary and its library. This new facility also provided space for a small chapel, classrooms and offices. In 1969, the theological department moved from Charlotte, N.C., to Atlanta, Ga., and became a part of the Interdenominational Theological Center. McCrorey Hall is now a classroom building for religious education, philosophy, sociology, social sciences, communication arts and other academic areas.

Through increasing support from The Duke Endowment, the United Negro College Fund and other sources, the period between 1955 and 1968 was one of expansion of the physical plant and enrichment of the curriculum. Seven new buildings were erected during this period: the Jack S. Brayboy Gymnasium (1960), the Hardy Liston Residence Hall for women (1962), the University Memorial Union (1965), the Duke Memorial Library (1967), Myers Residence Hall for men (1967), Sanders Residence Hall for women (1967) and the Rufus P. Perry Science Annex (1968). The year 1967 was a memorable one in which JCSU reached its 100th anniversary. During this historical centennial occasion, the institution examined its past and made innovative and creative plans for the future.

Since 1968, JCSU has added several buildings including the Johnson/Seabrook Education Building and Mary Irwin Belk Early Childhood Education Center (1976), Greenfield Hall (1985), Carter Hall, the Lionel H. Newsom Humanities Building (1986), the Robert L. Albright Honors College Center (1990), the Faculty Center (1991), the Edward E. Crutchfield Jr. Center for Integrated Studies (1993), New Residence Hall (1994), the Technology Center (1997) and the Irwin Belk Complex (2003), which is a state-of-the-art academic and sports facility.

Renovations to the James B. Duke Library were completed in 1999 to bring a new look, new resources and technology to the facility. In 2001, after an aggressive campaign to raise more than \$6.7 million, JCSU began renovations to the historic Biddle Hall. The administrative building received new computer systems, climate conditioning, modern lighting and electrical systems. JCSU saw a burst of financial support from donors at the turn of the century. In 1996, JCSU received a \$1 million gift from Irwin Belk, a prominent Charlotte businessman, which was the largest gift from a living individual in the school's history. Between 1999 and 2002, JCSU received several million-dollar grants from funding agencies, including the Lilly Foundation, the Department of Interior, The Duke Endowment and a \$2.57 million grant from the Kresge Foundation. In 2002, The Duke Endowment awarded JCSU \$3.9 million, the largest grant in the school's history at that time.

In the fall of 2000, JCSU launched the IBM Laptop Initiative, becoming one of few colleges in the country and the first historically black college to provide an IBM laptop computer to every student. Known as Thinkpad U, JCSU gives students and their computers complete access to the campuswide network and Internet services. Since 1994, the ratio of computers to students improved from 1:10 to 1:1.1. With this new initiative and the commitment to integrate technology throughout the curriculum, JCSU gained national recognition. Because of the vision and commitment of past and present boards of trustees, presidents, administrators and staff, today JCSU is heralded as one of the best small colleges in the nation. The present site contains 100 acres of land and more than 40 buildings. The university serves approximately 1,500 students and has more than 240 full-time faculty members, administrators and staff members. As a liberal arts university, JCSU offers 28 fields of study. With Thinkpad U and other innovative programs, JCSU began to move into a new era of distinction.

Looking ahead, JCSU continues to operate on its "growing edge" to provide an environment where students can explore and grow – intellectually, physically, socially, culturally and spiritually – and where they can develop a sense of social and civic responsibility.



Explore Our Brand

JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS and INTEGRATED MARKETING

BRAND PROMISE

Johnson C. Smith University is an independent, close-knit, urban university with a growing national reputation for integrating the liberal arts with business, the sciences, and technology in innovative, socially conscious ways to empower tomorrow's diverse entrepreneurial citizens and leaders.

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BRAND ATTRIBUTES

1. Agents of Change (change agents)
2. Culture of Community
3. Intellectual Rigor
4. Global Education
5. Socially Conscious

JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY

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BRAND VISION

Our students don't just break the mold, they smash it.

ICSU does not settle. We do not dream small. We cannot accept simply what is.

There are molds for universities, students and graduates. But we can only realize change if we refuse to fill them. We smash the mold so that we can mold the world.

We see challenges and solve them. We see what needs to change and we come through. We see a need for leaders and we fill those roles.

We demand thought, growth and change in every community we touch – including our own.

Because there is no mold good enough for our heritage, our people and our future.





Dr. Ronald L. Carter, a native of High Point, NC, became the 13th president of Johnson C. Smith University on July 1, 2008. After more than 30 years serving students and universities, Carter brings an impressive record of community leadership, academic administration, scenario planning and budget management to the position.

Upon graduating magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, with a Bachelor of Arts in sociology and philosophy from Morehouse College in 1971, Carter pursued graduate studies, earning a Master of Theology and a Ph.D. in philosophy of religion from Boston University. Carter began his distinguished career at Boston University's Martin Luther King Jr. Center. By 1981, he advanced to become the school's youngest dean of students. In the 1980s, Carter's interaction with relatives of Nelson Mandela compelled him to put his abilities to work in South Africa.

Carter was named senior administrator of the Health Services Development Unit at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa. Within five years, he became the dean of students and one of the first black senior administrators at this traditionally white research institution. Carter returned to the United States in 1997 as the provost and dean of faculty at College in Hartsville, SC. His 11-year tenure included key roles in the private liberal arts college's strategic planning, academic student development, financial management, and community development.

His expertise in medical ethics and community involvement have brought him several national appointments, including moderator for the National Meeting of the Medical Institute for Sexual Health (2004-2006), chair of expert panel for the Connecting Parents, Adults and Youth Project funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2006), and chair of expert review panel on scientific measurement for an abstinence rating tool funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2007). He has appeared on numerous television and radio programs in South Africa and the U.S., discussing educational issues and policies.

Among his many honors, Carter was appointed a Sloan Scholar at Morehouse College, a Danforth Fellow at Boston University, and a Merrill Scholar at Robert College, Istanbul, Turkey. Since becoming president, Carter has become very involved in the Charlotte community and received the Newcomer of the Year Award from Leadership Charlotte in 2010.

He serves on the boards of: Charlotte Center City Partners, Charlotte Regional Partnership, Duke Mansion/The Lee Institute, Opera Carolina, Mint Museum, Council for Children's Rights, Fifth Third Bank Affiliate Board, North Carolina Council of Independent Colleges, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, 100 Black Men of Charlotte, Association of Governing Boards and the United Negro College Fund.

Carter was honored with the 2011 Charlotte Catalyst Humanitarian Award for his efforts in diversity and philanthropy as a leader in the community. Through Carter's ambitious vision, JCSU is exceeding goals and attracting national attention for its positive changes and local support. The University is creating a path of success emphasizing partnership, revitalization, and transformation.

In 2013, he received the Creative Thinkers Award from the Carolinas Chapter of the Counselors of Real Estate for his leadership in envisioning and executing the Mosaic Village project as part of the transformation of the Northwest Corridor. Dr. Carter also received the Latin American Excelente Award from the Charlotte Latin American Coalition in 2013 as the non-Latino person who has done the most to support the Latino community. The Charlotte Post honored Carter with its Luminary Award in 2014.

Carter is a strong proponent of diversity and inclusiveness. He is committed to understanding who we are as global citizens and making a difference as a community. By embracing diversity and inclusiveness, he believes we can learn the qualities that attract people to a cause and use their engagement as a catalyst for our greater well-being.

Carter maintains that we need to ask and answer essential questions related to trust, race relations, economic diversity, and building and sustaining community assets. His vision and leadership will ensure that Johnson C. Smith University continues to grow and evolve in the forefront of HBCUs and in the brand of new urban universities.

He is the father of a daughter, Tumelo Rosalind Carter, and a son, Cory Demetrius Carter. He has also been the foster parent of four other children.





**The 2016 - 2017 Student
Government Association**
preparing to welcome
new students at Opening
Convocation



***SGA President
Sydney Henry '17***

Majoring in Biology with a chemistry minor, President Henry was passionate about enhancing the classroom experience. Furthermore, she worked to make sure that campus life was progressive and remarkable for the 150th school year.



The 2017 - 2018 Student Government Association

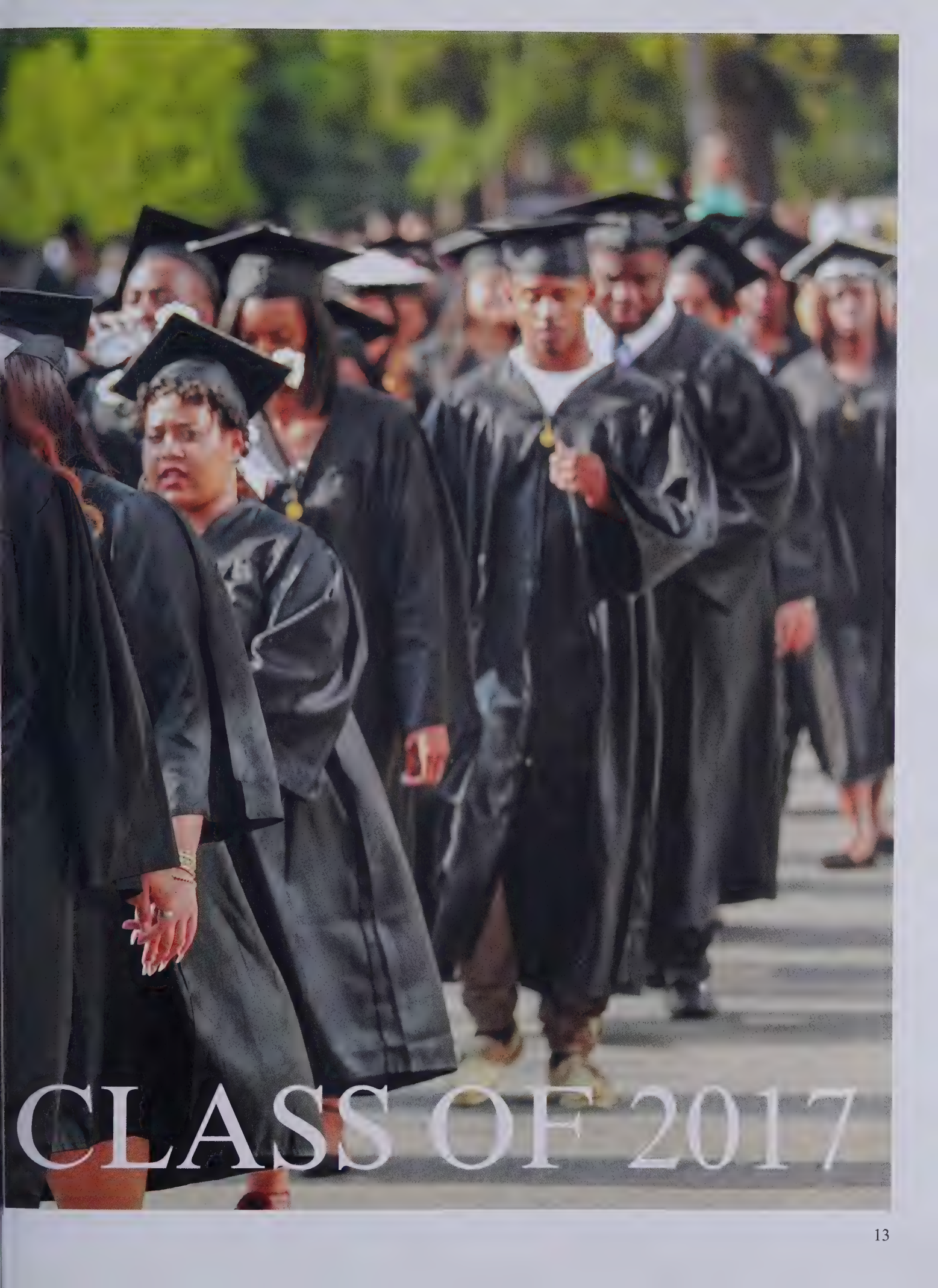
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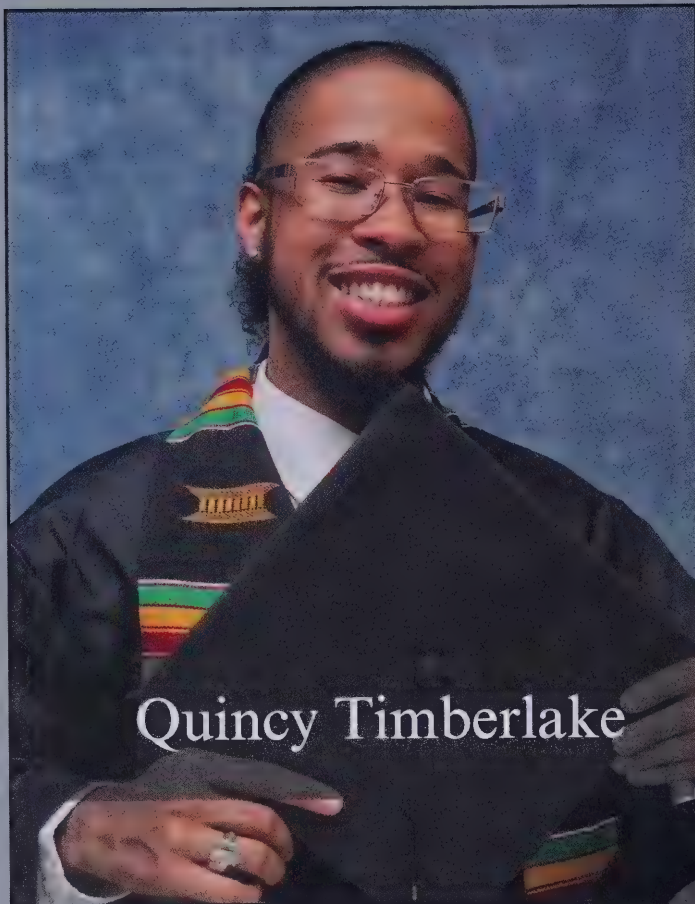
SGA President D'Andre Carter '18

Carter considered himself an advocate on issues regarding voter ID registration and residency laws. One of his goals as SGA president was showing students that they had a voice and the power to inflict change.

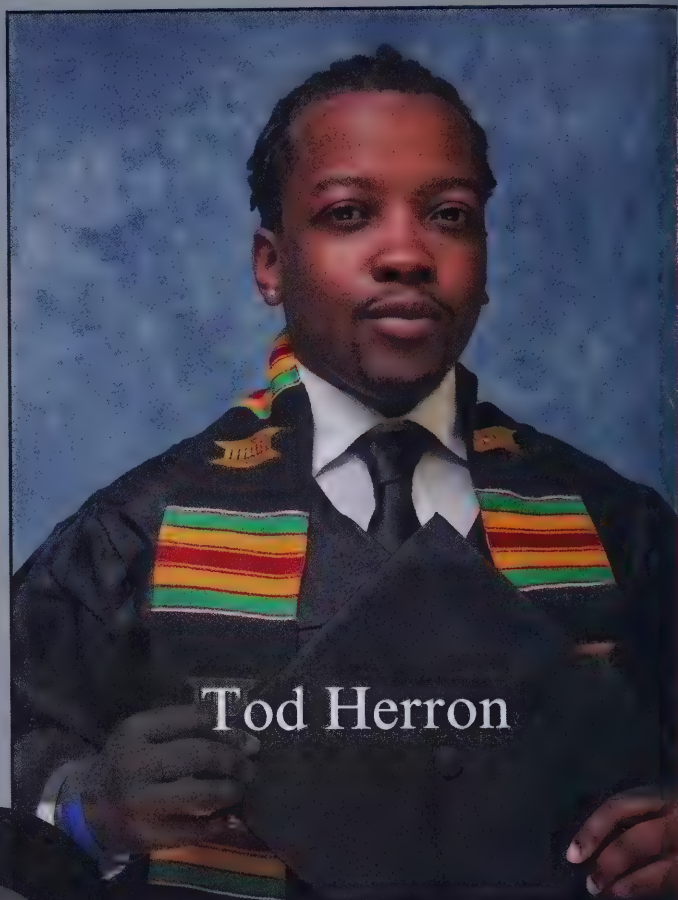




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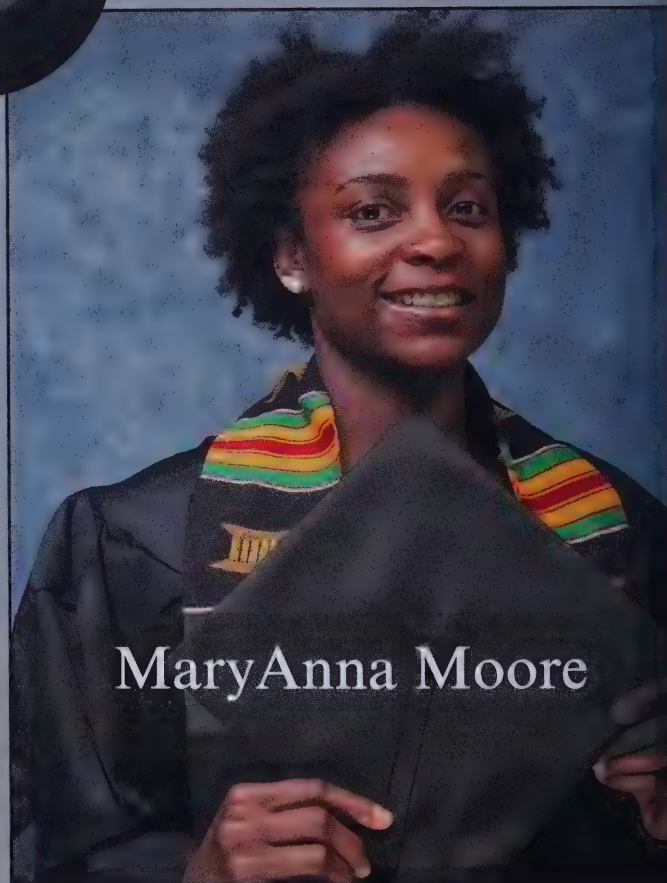
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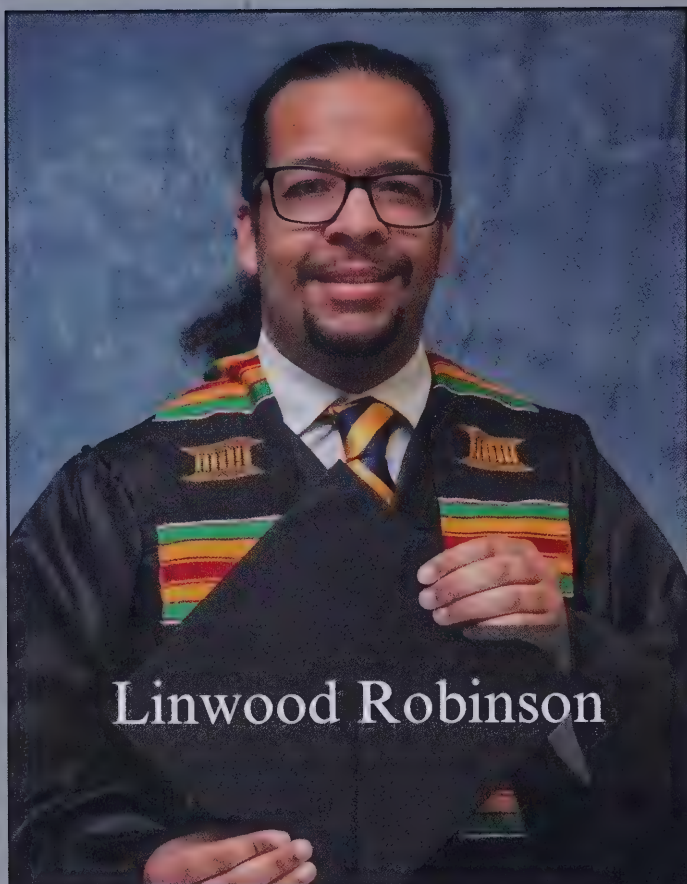
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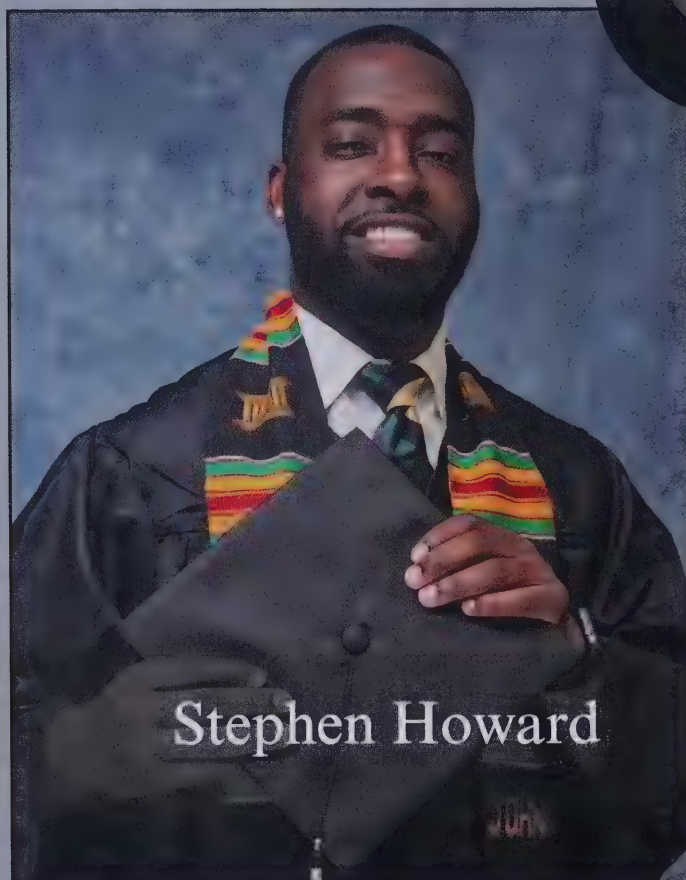
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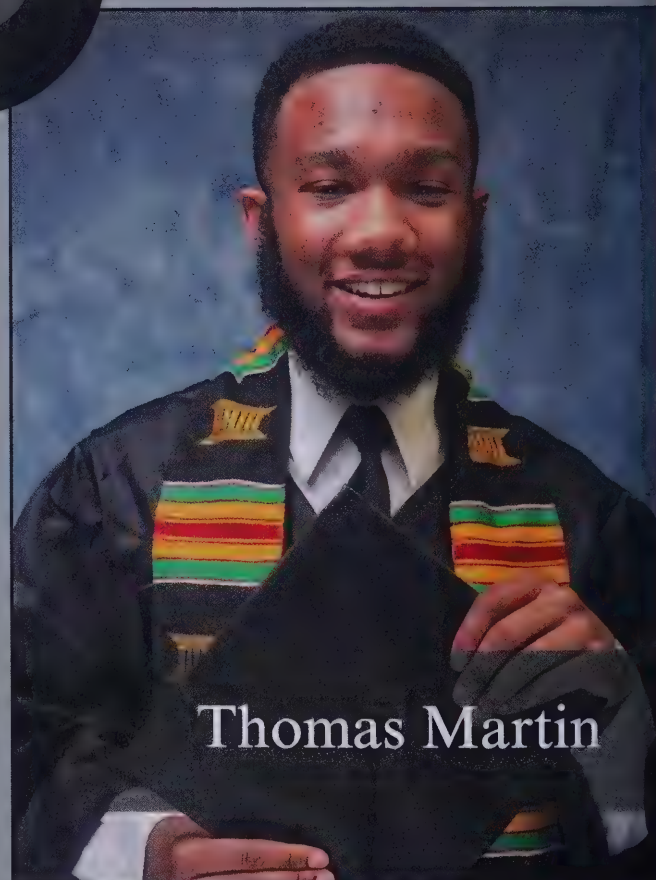
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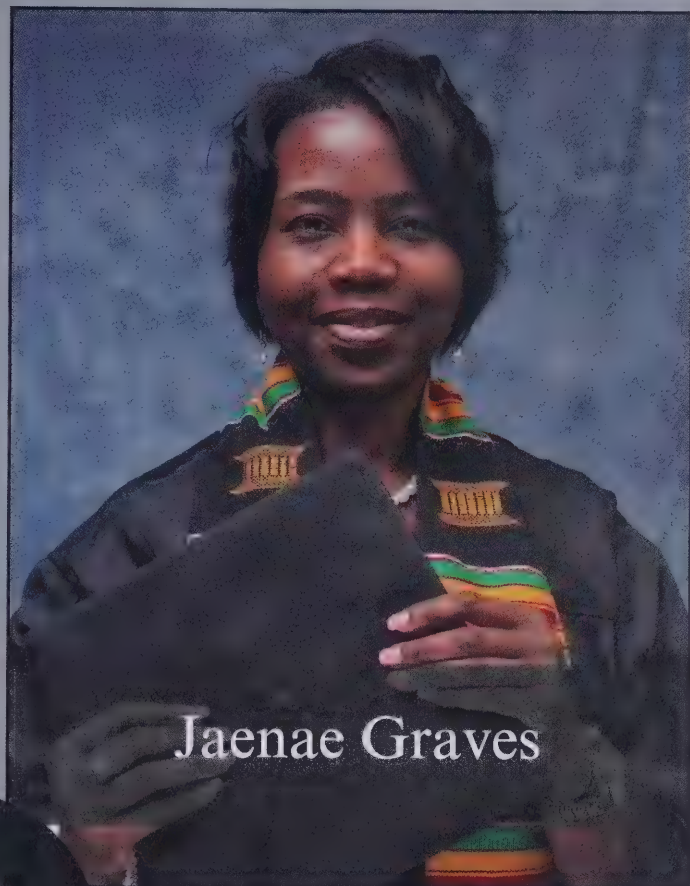
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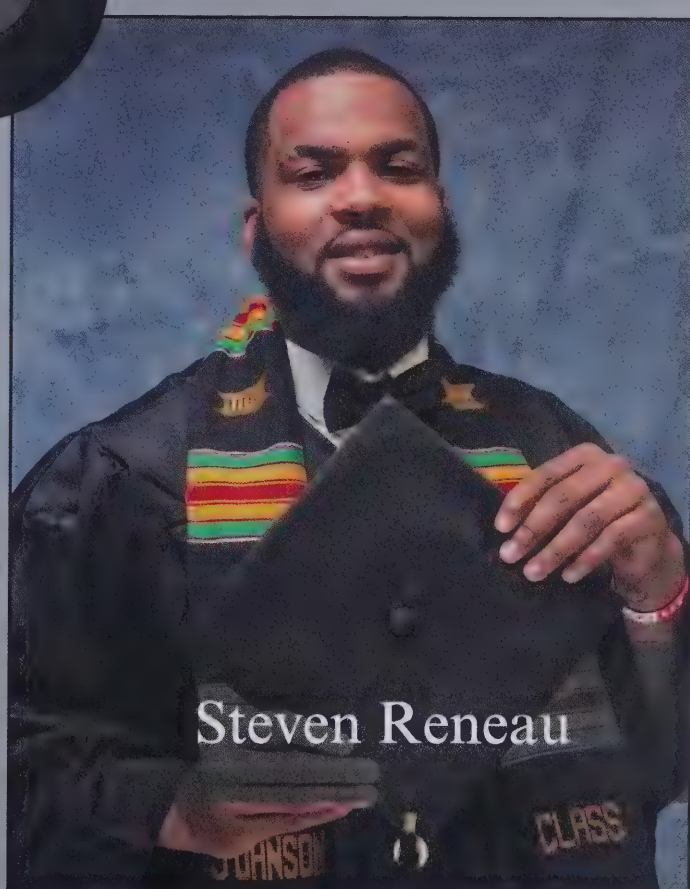
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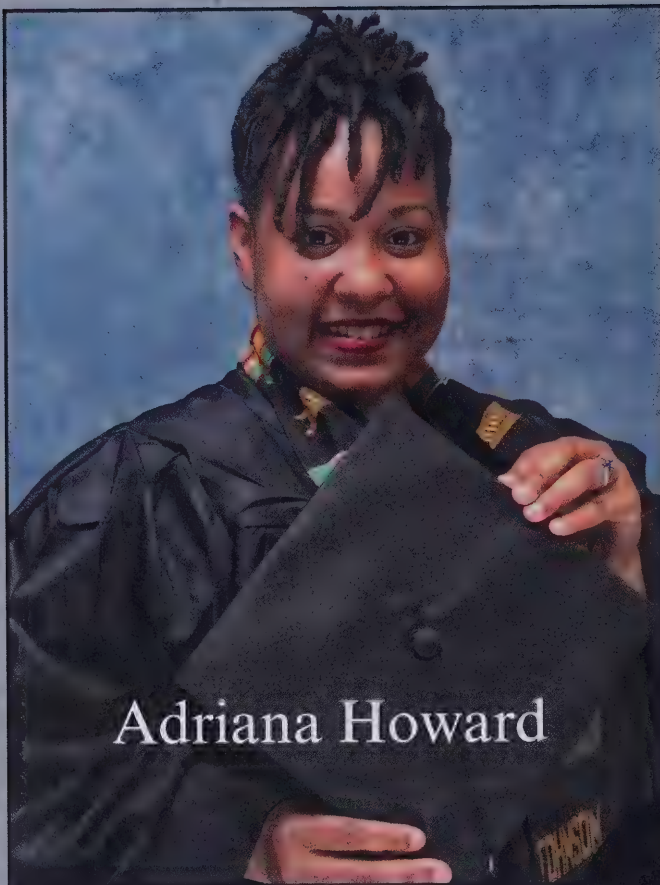
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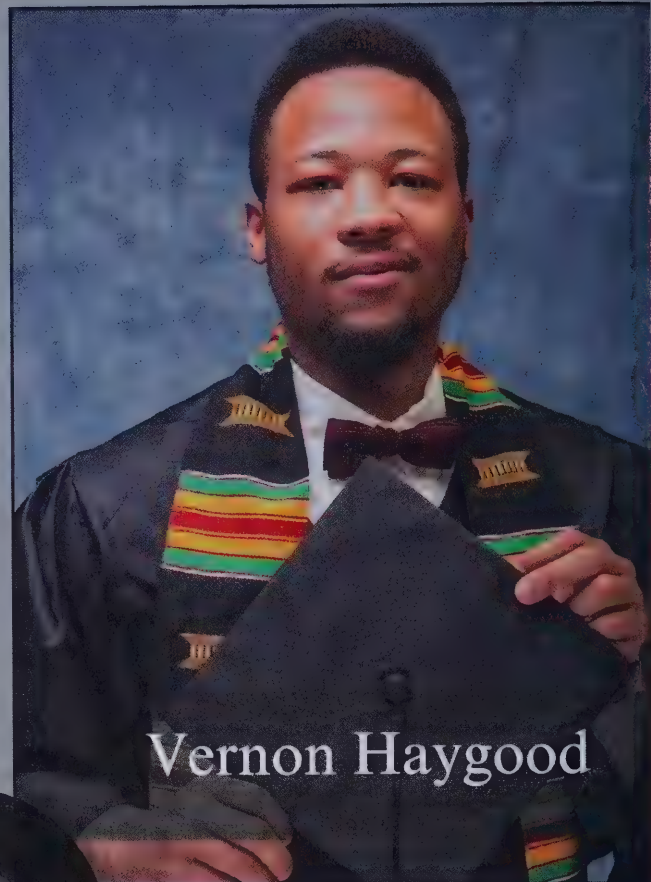
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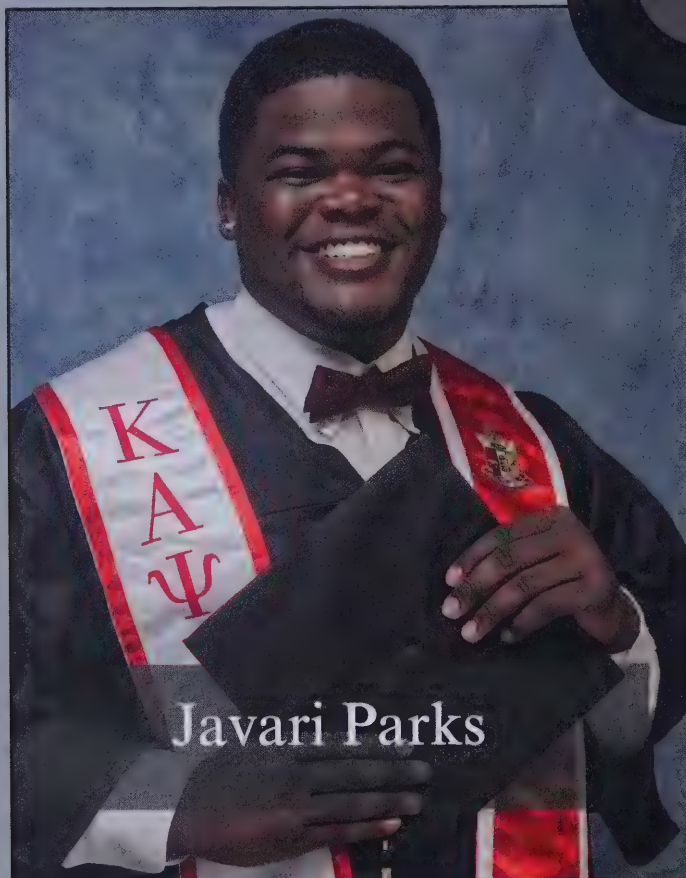
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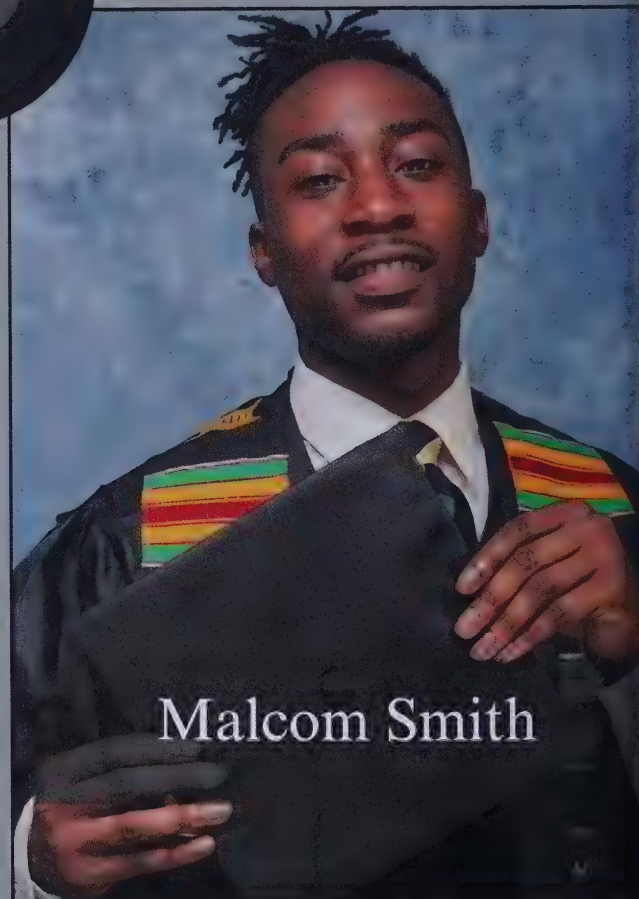
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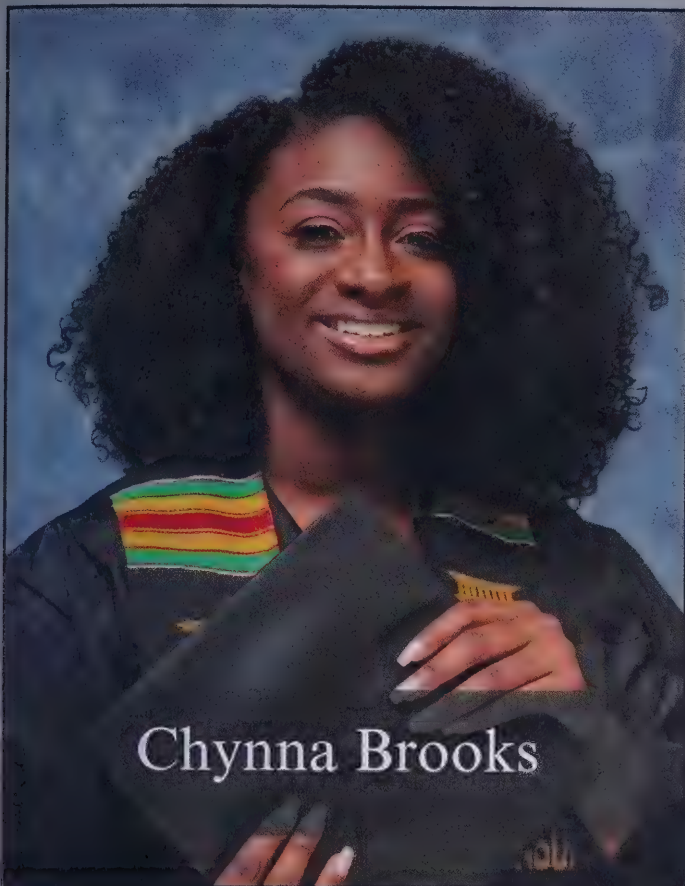
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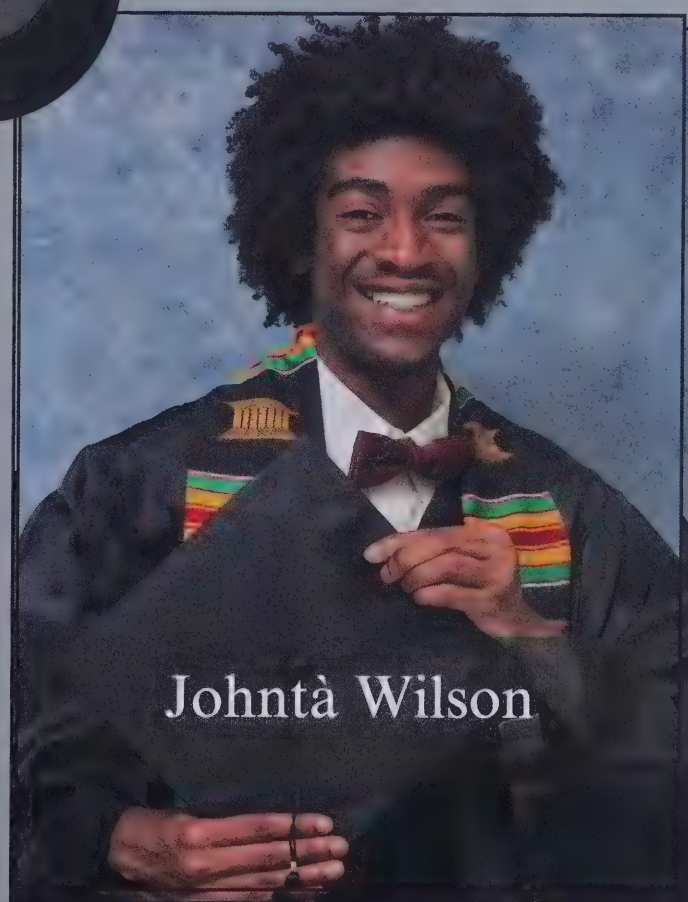
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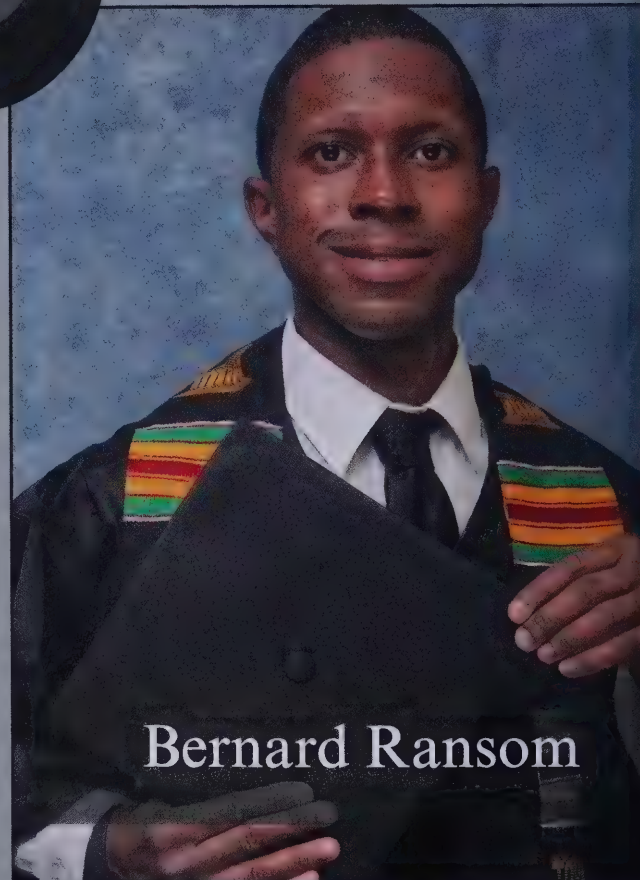
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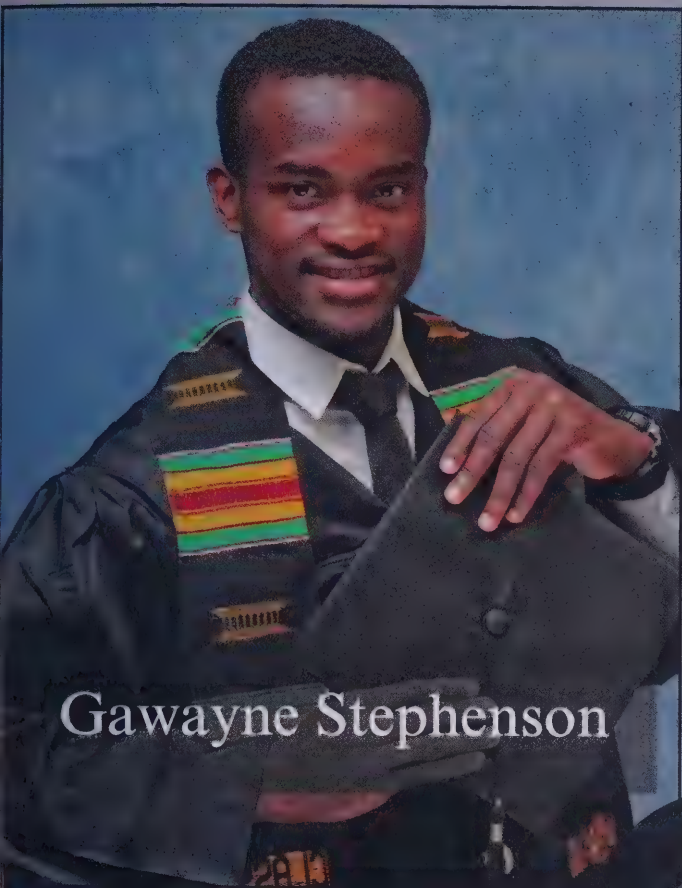
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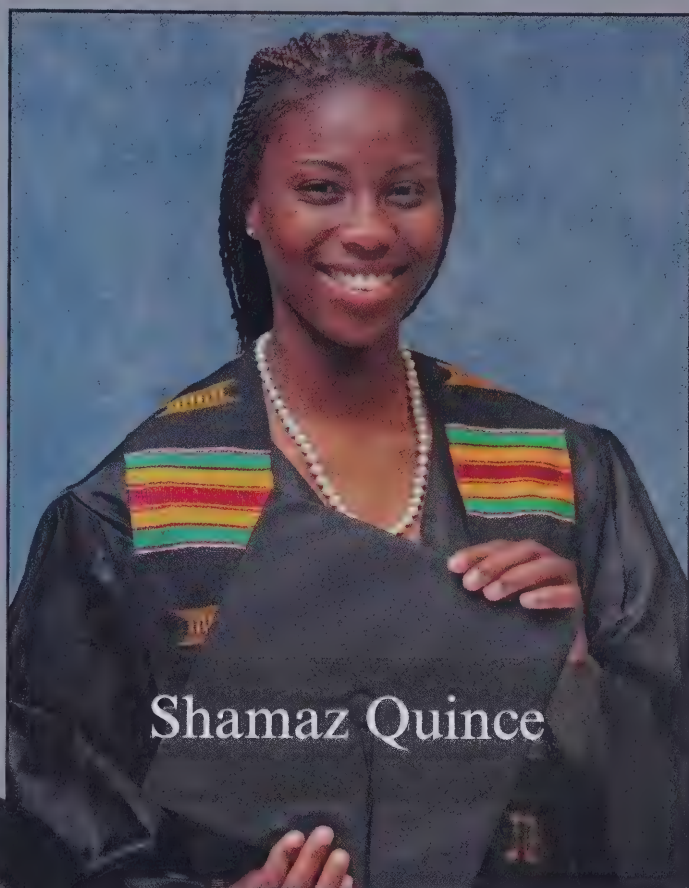
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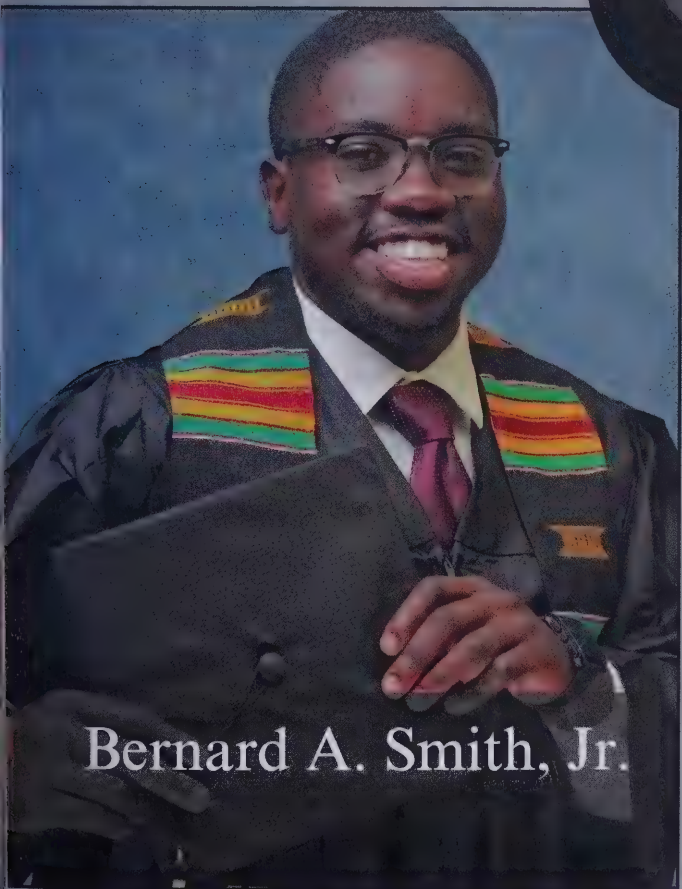
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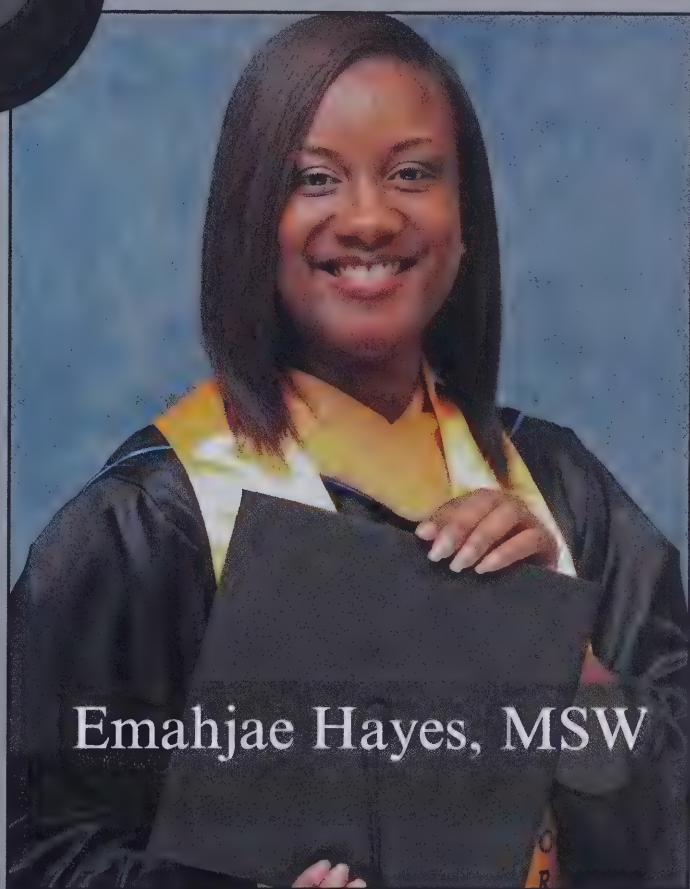
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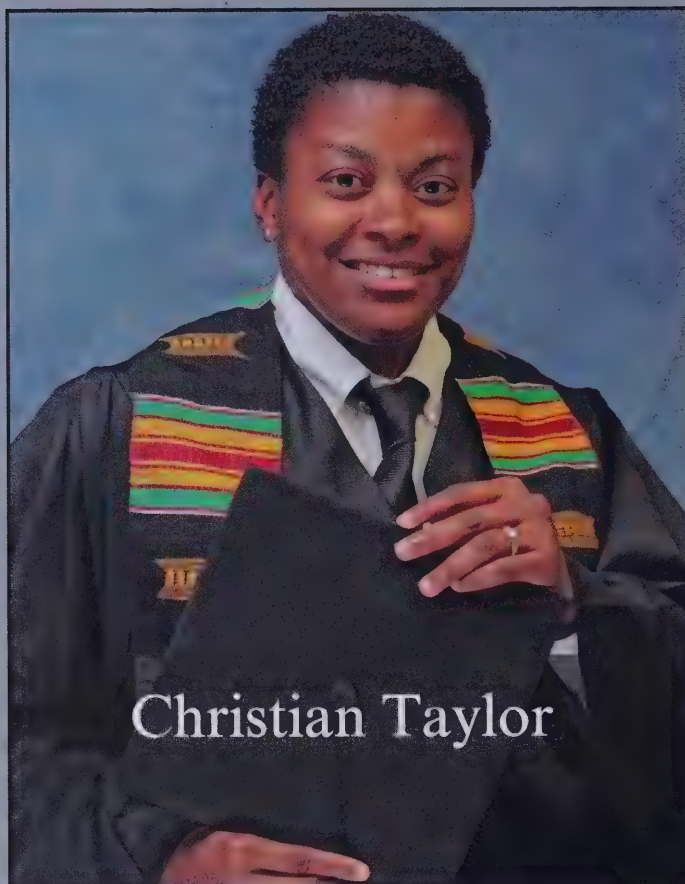
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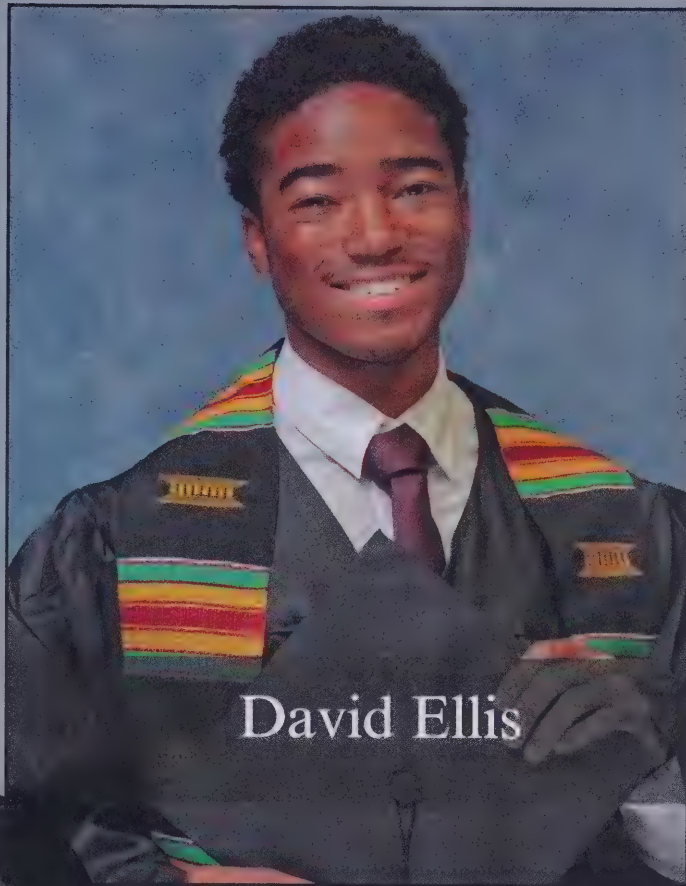
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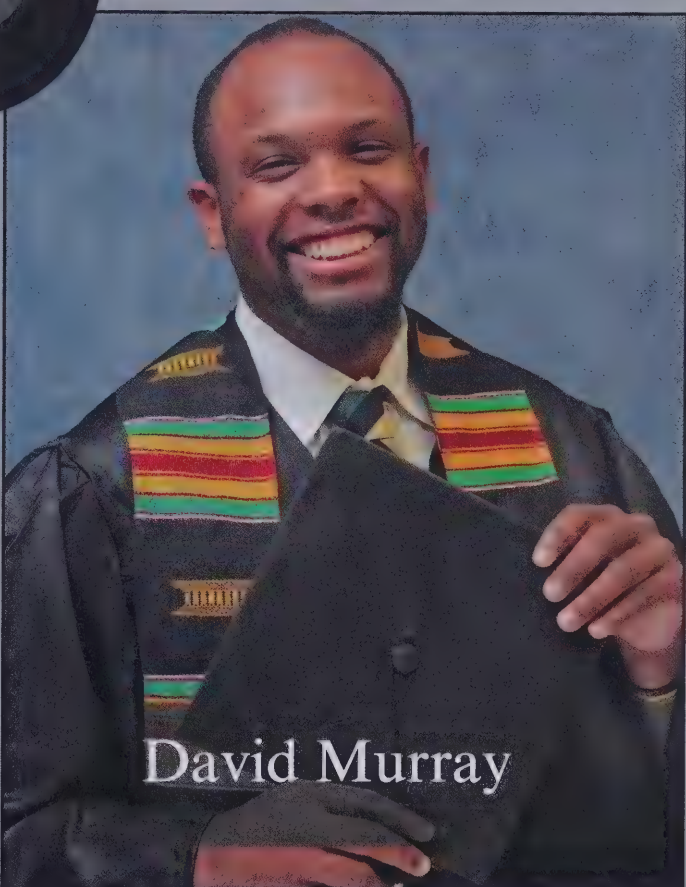
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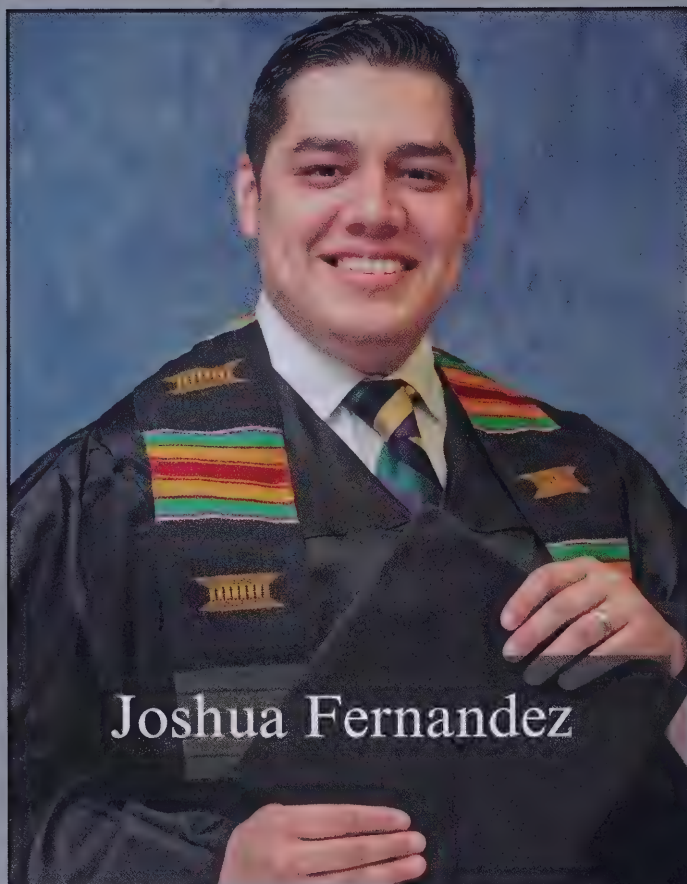
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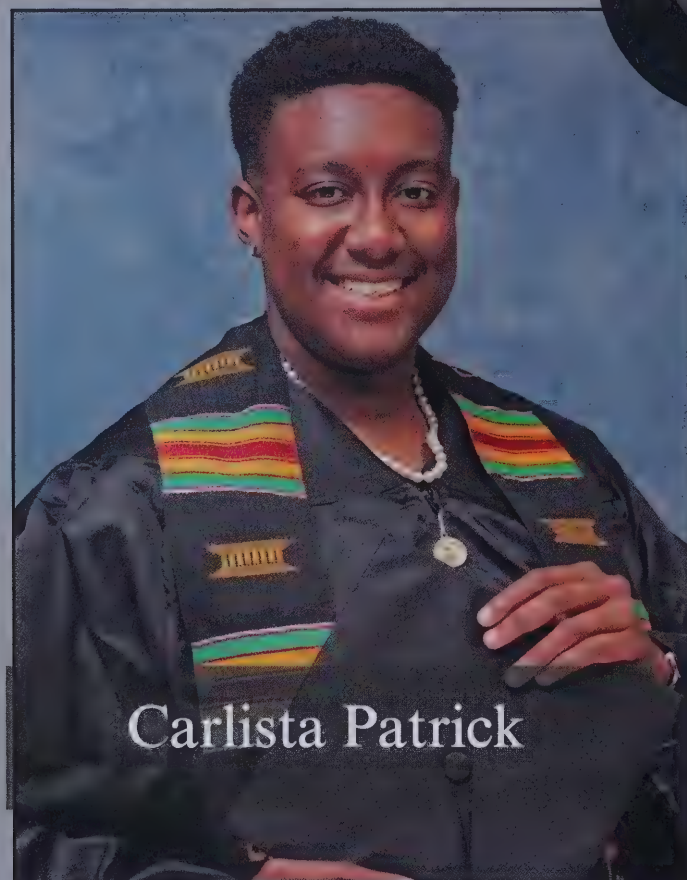
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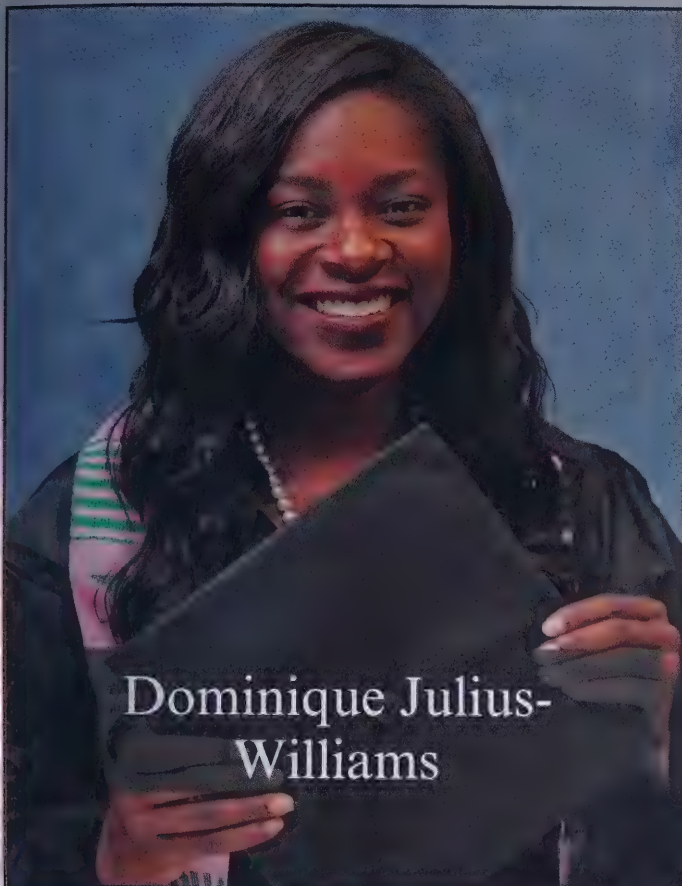
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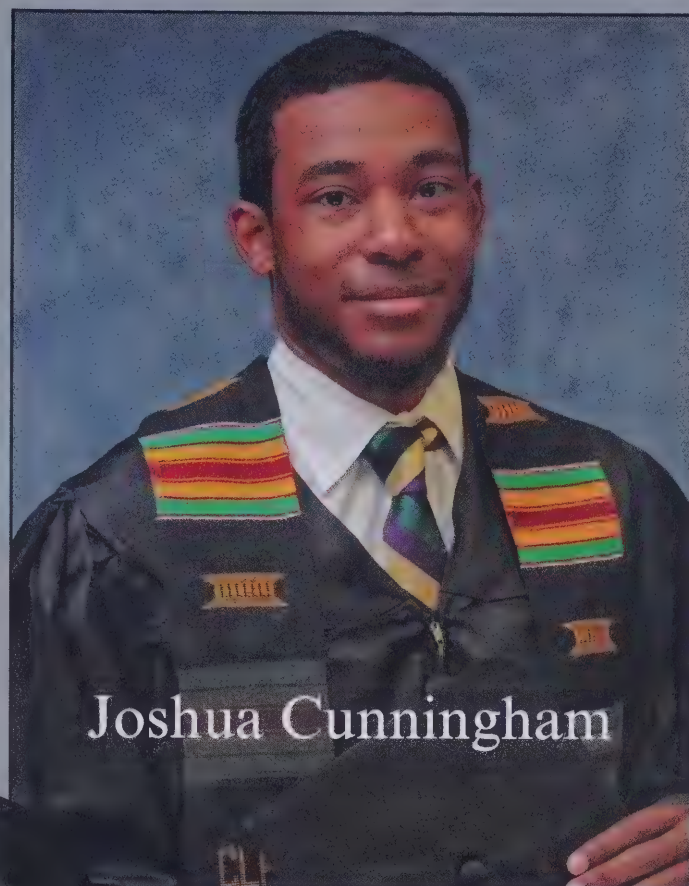
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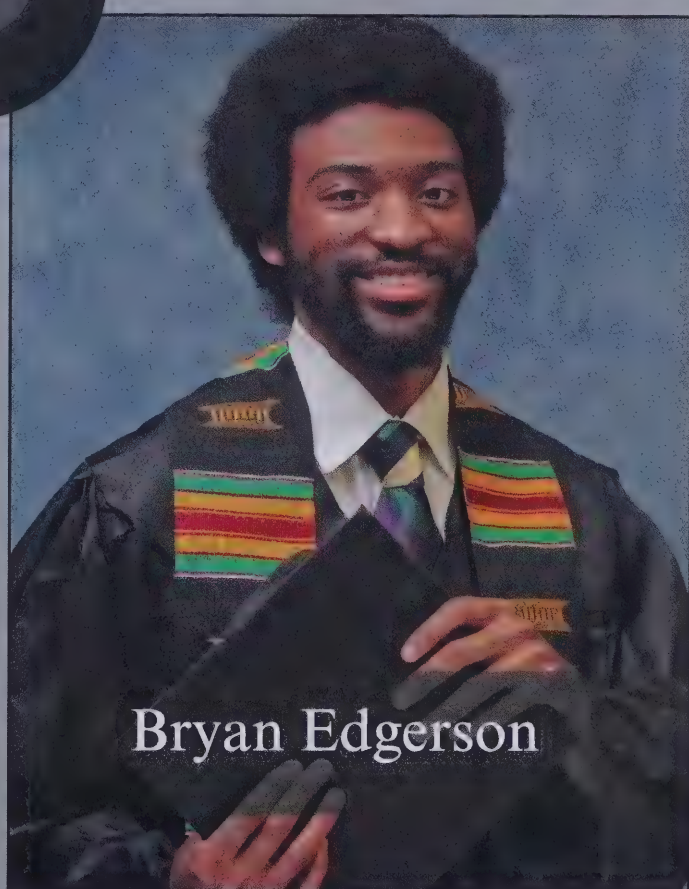
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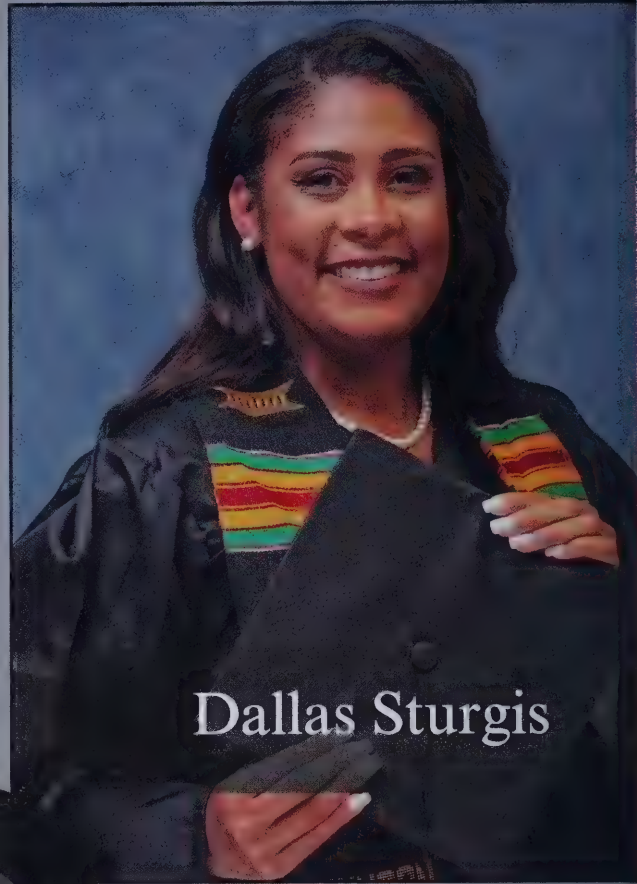
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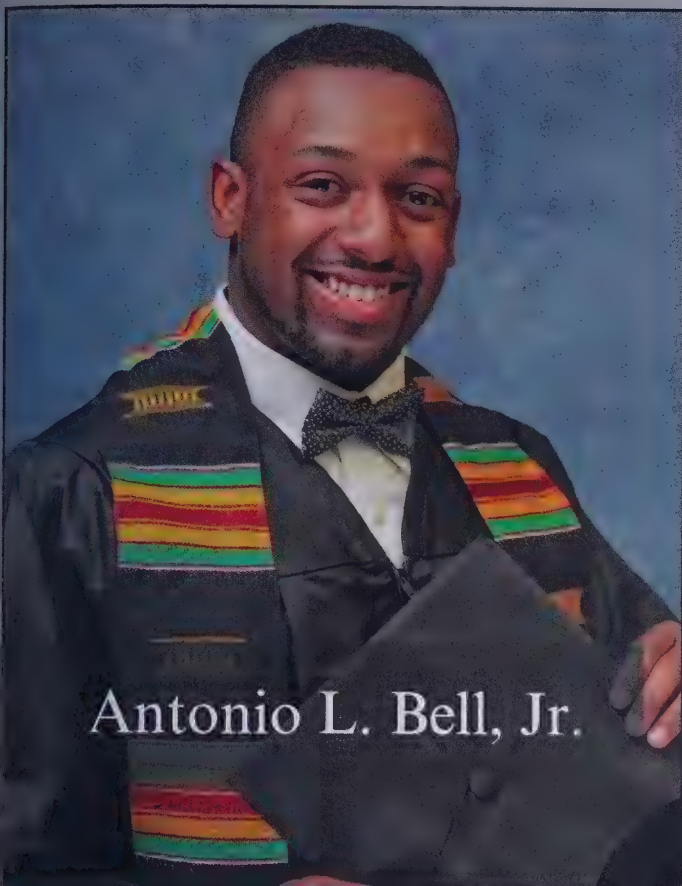
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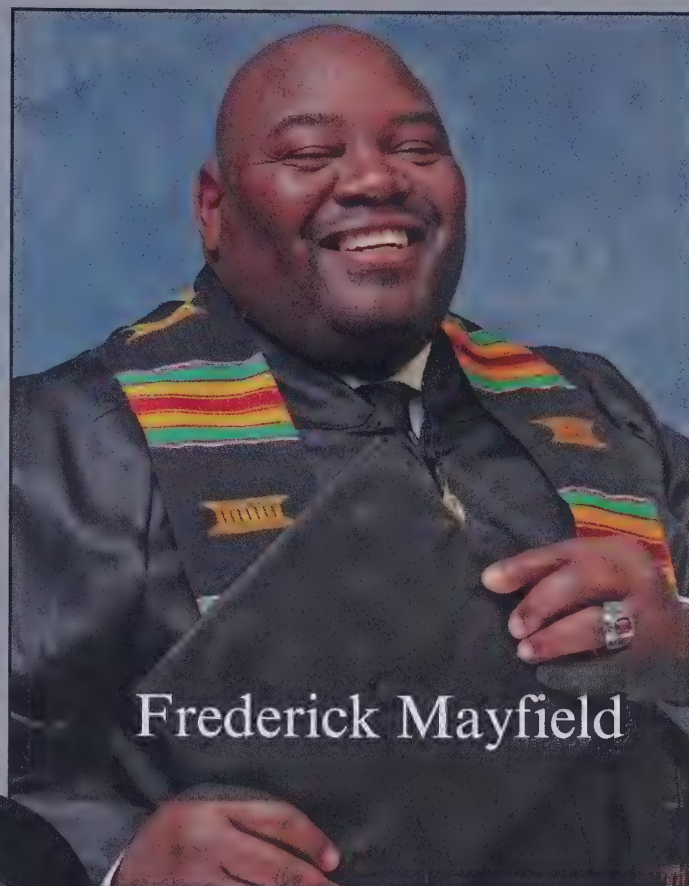
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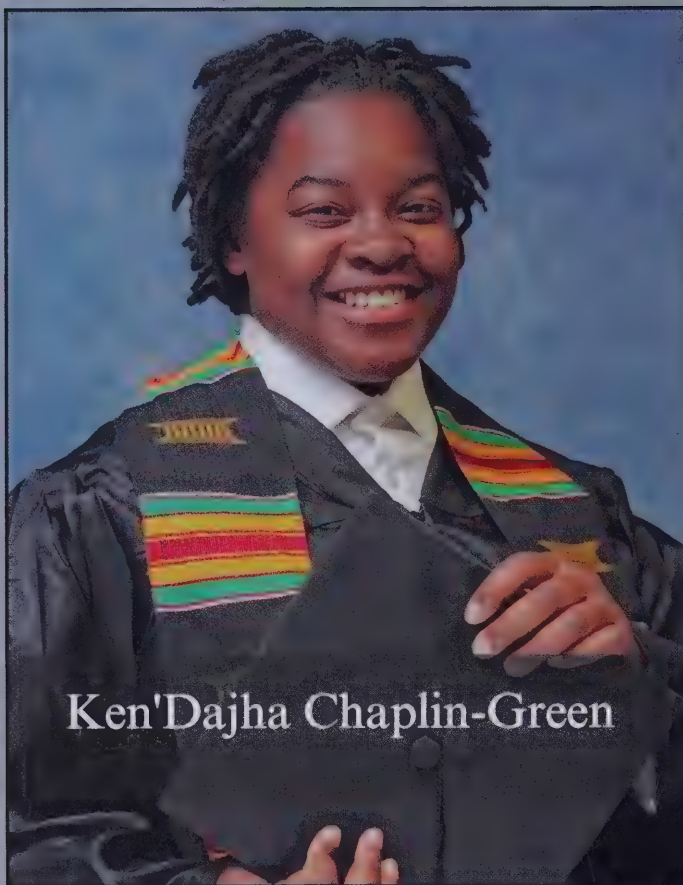
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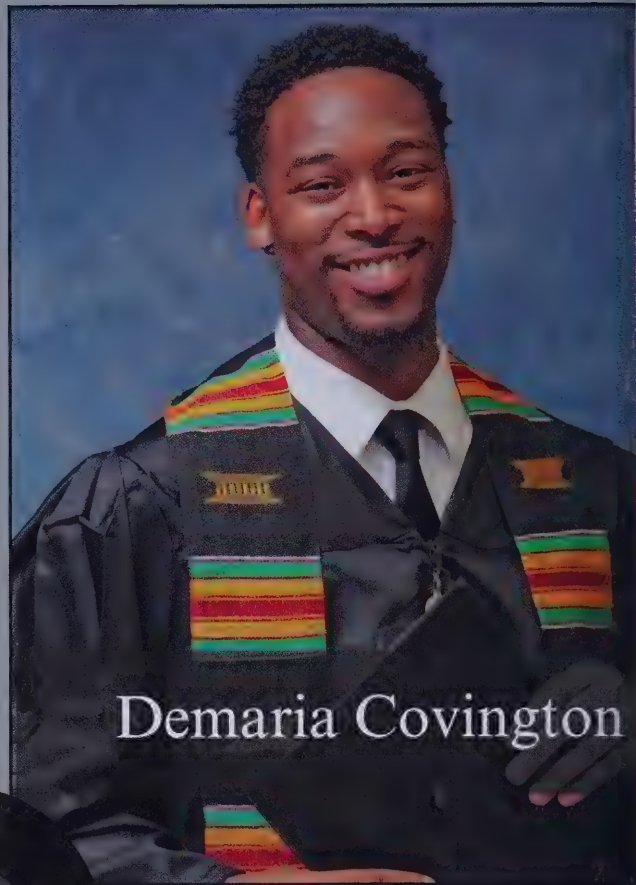
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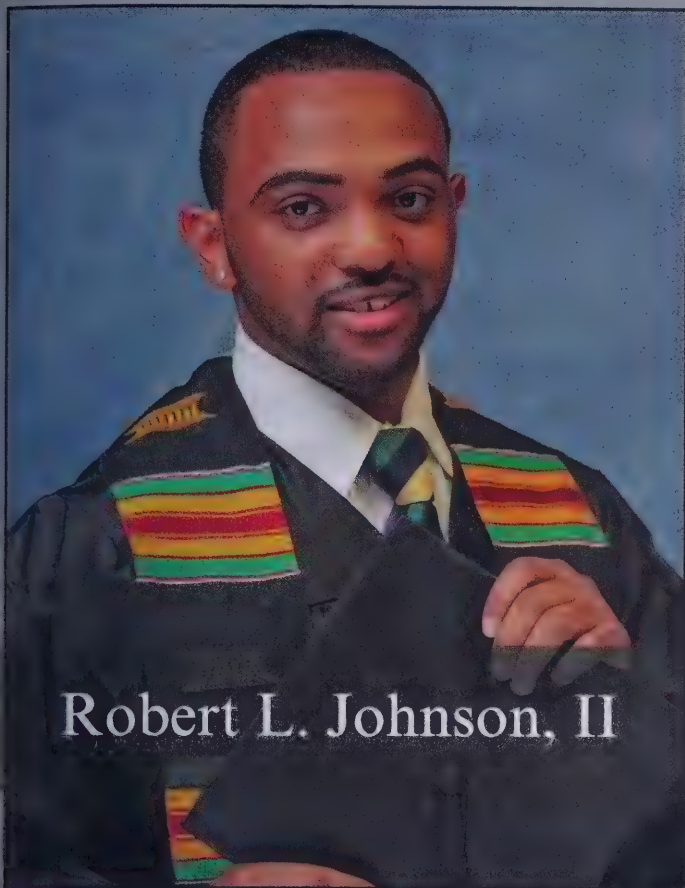
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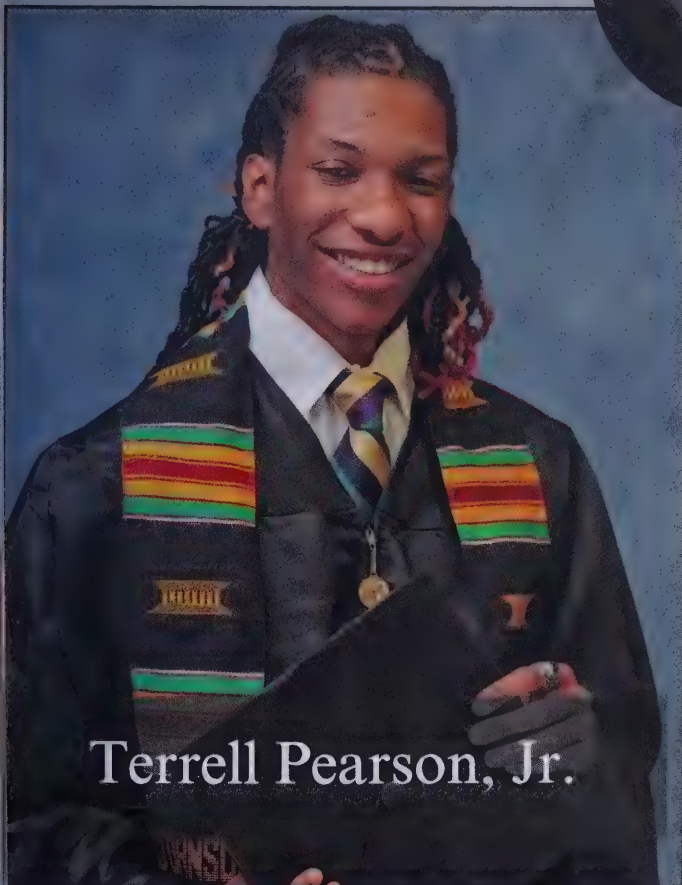
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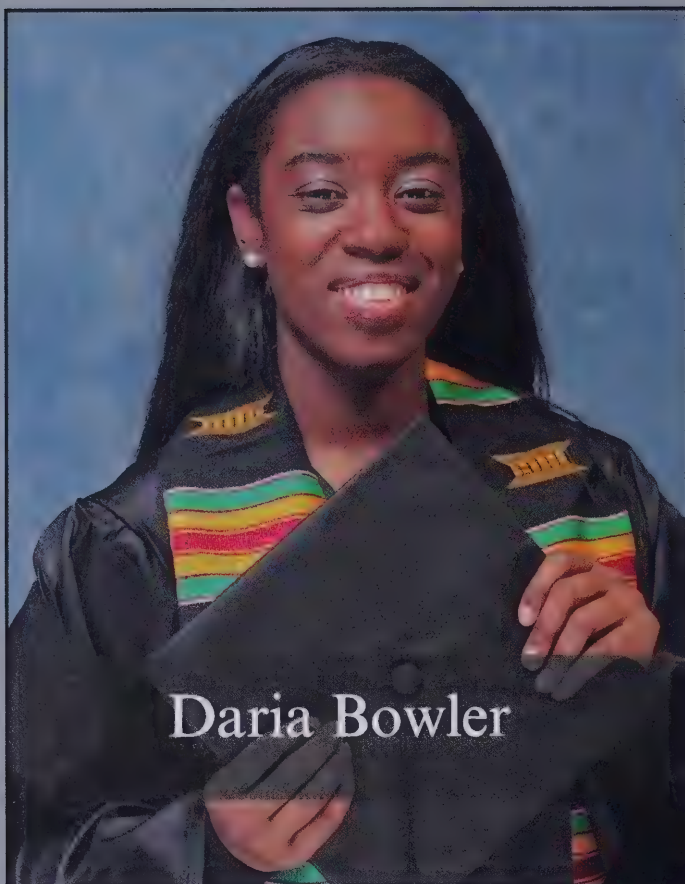
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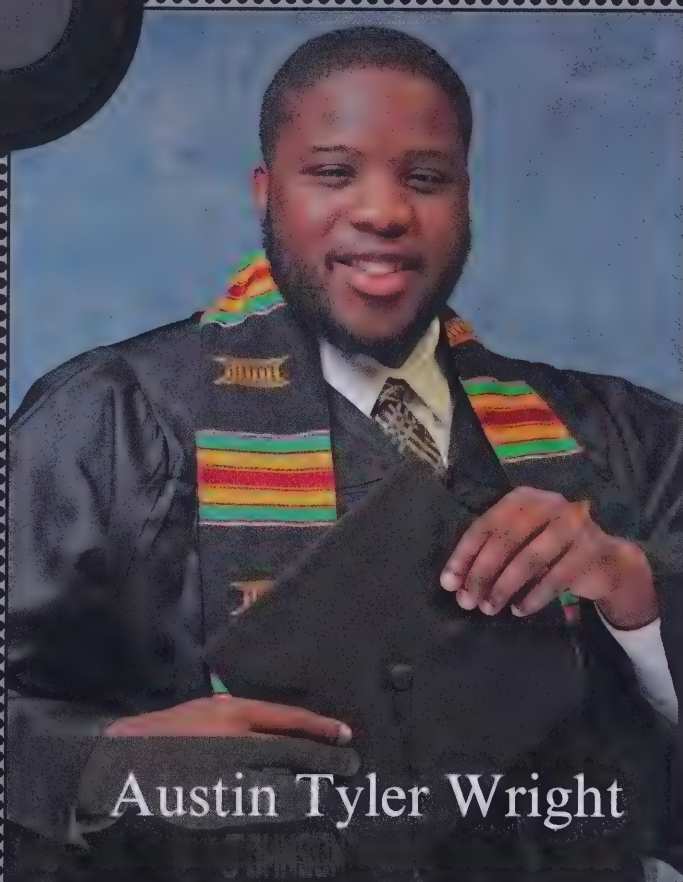
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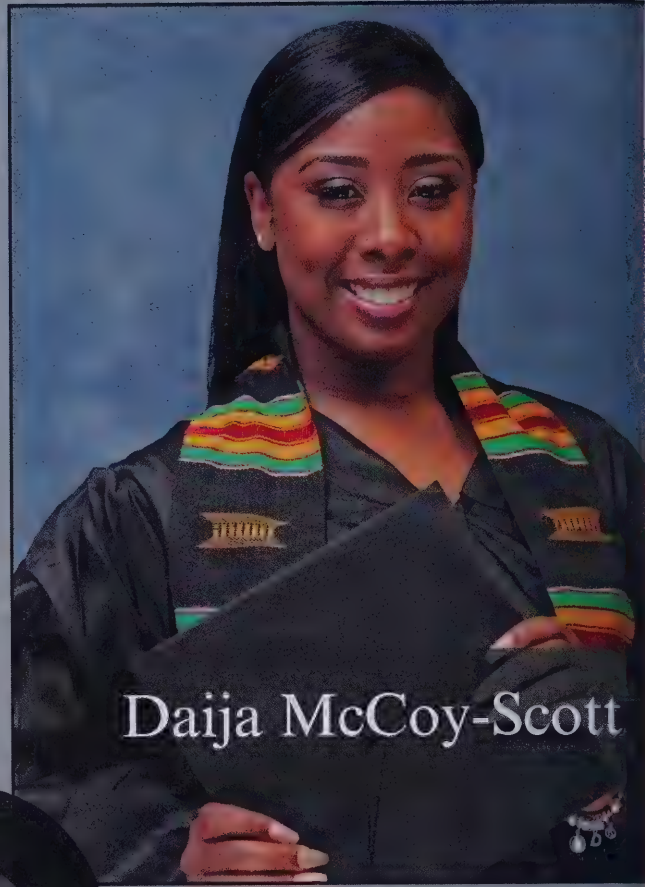
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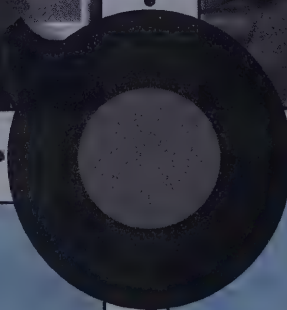
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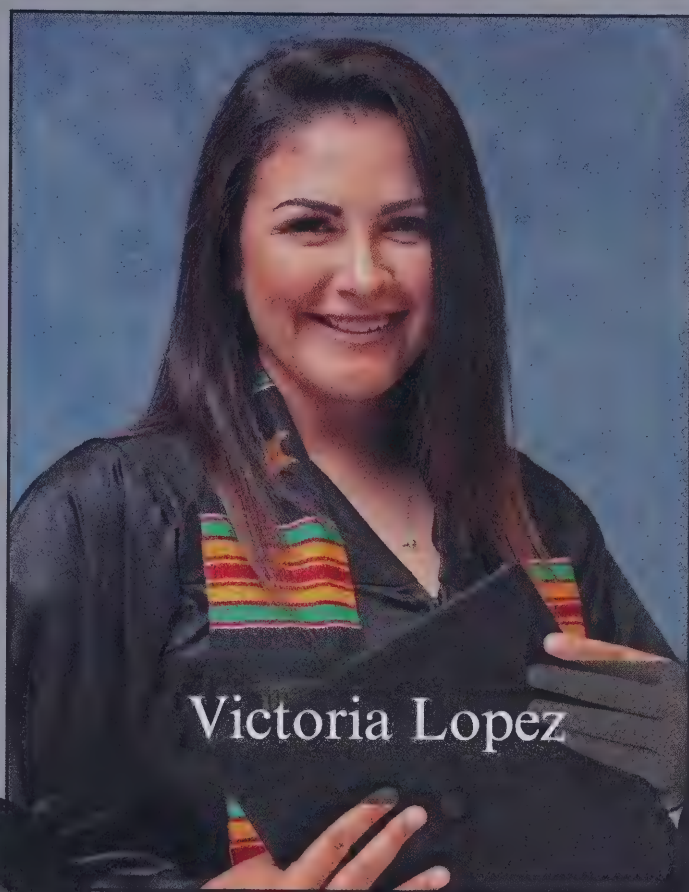
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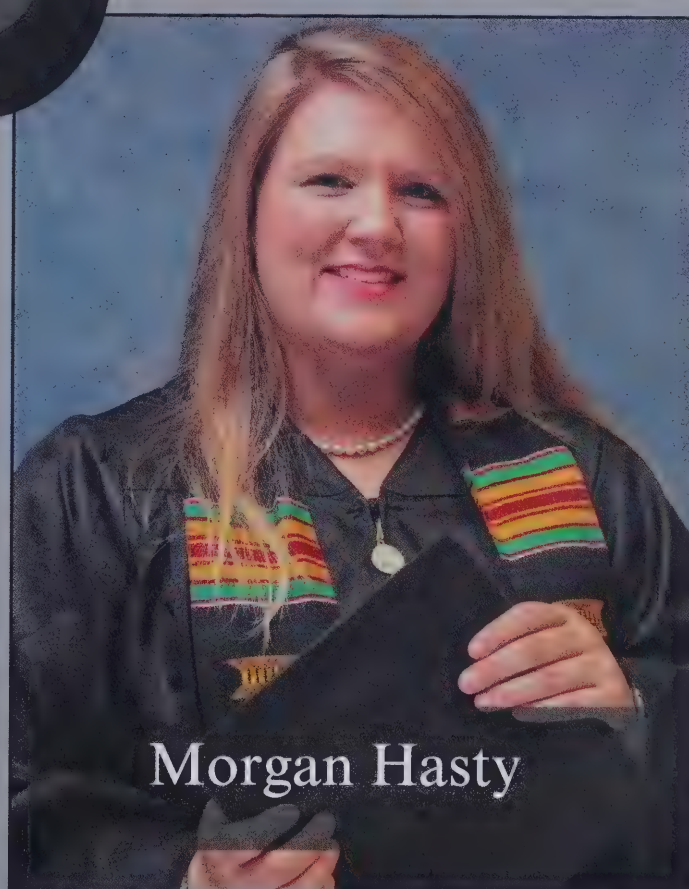
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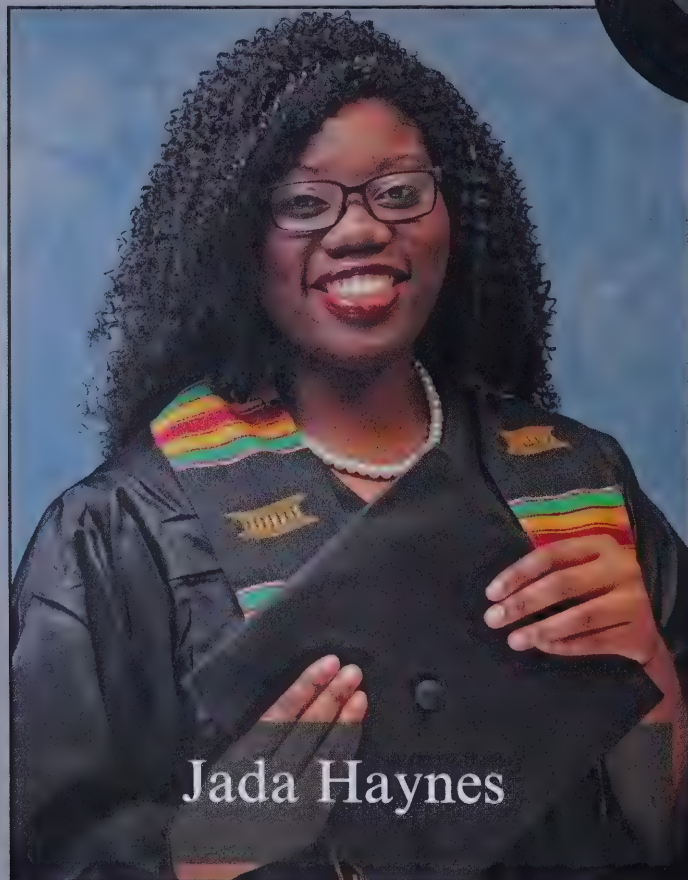
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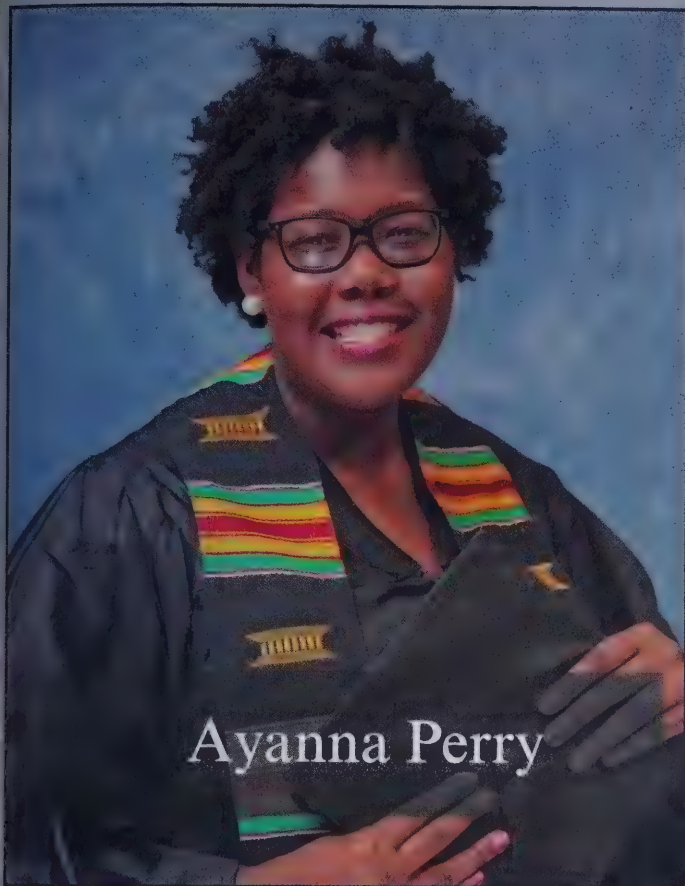
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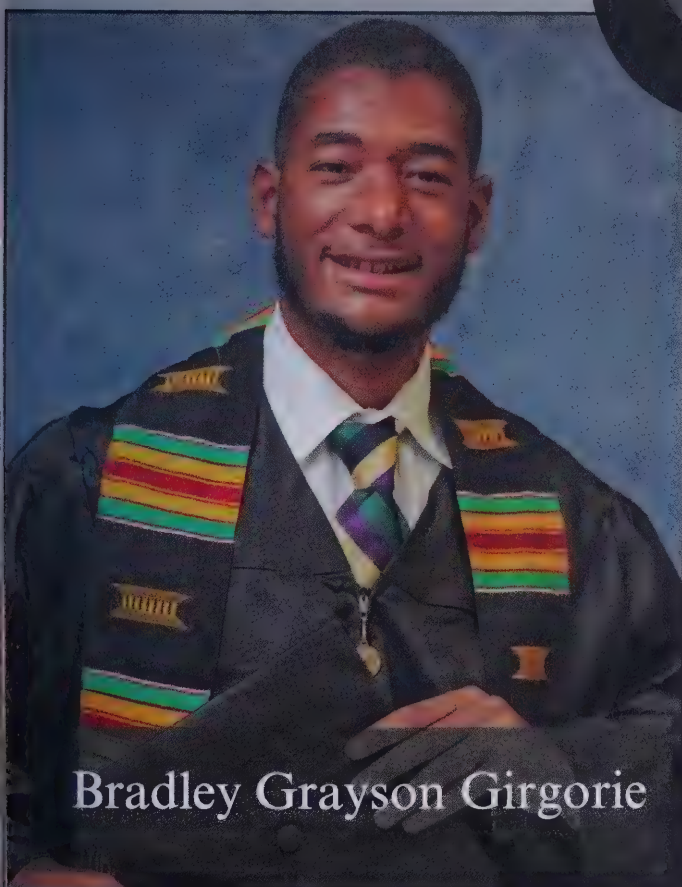
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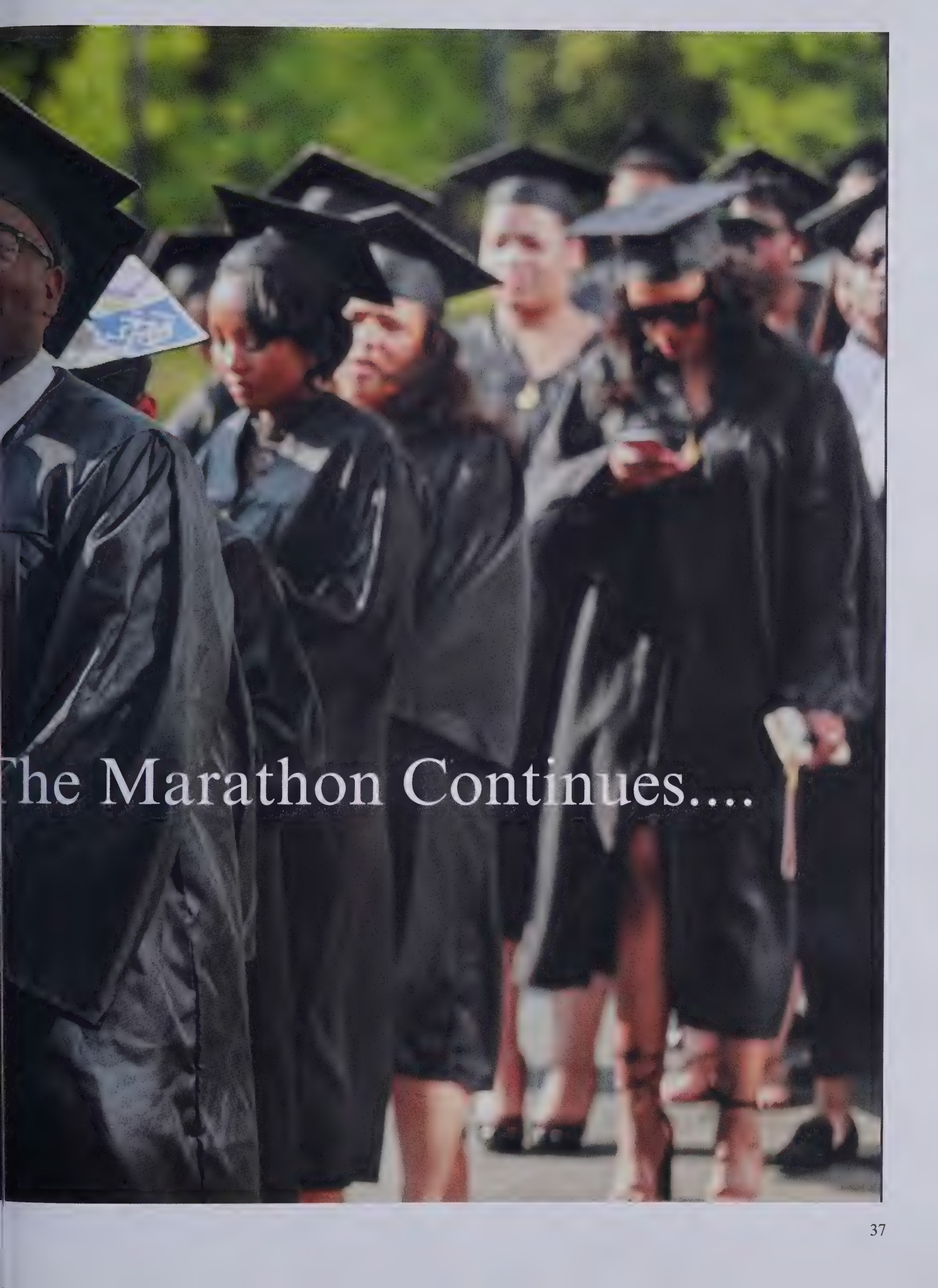


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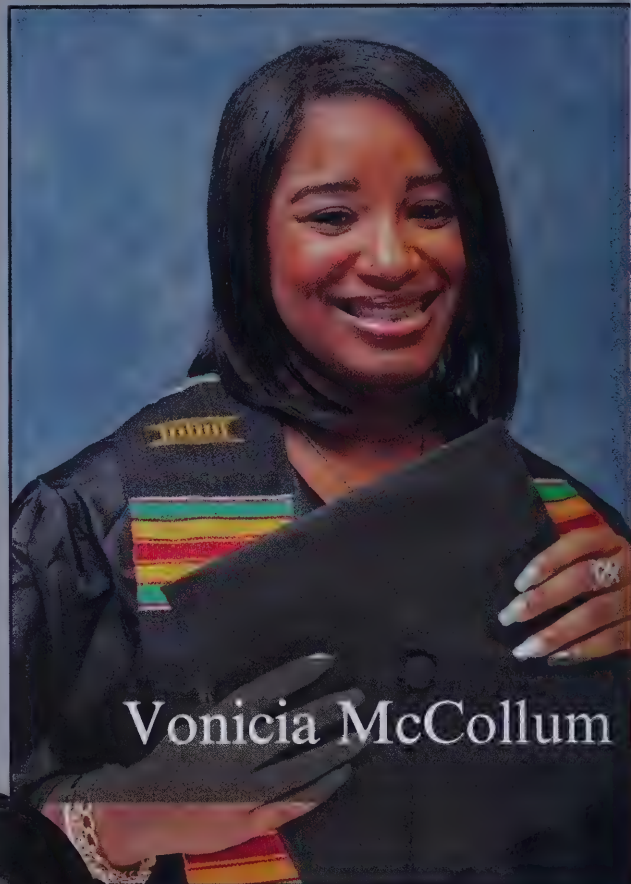


A photograph of a group of graduates in black caps and gowns standing outdoors. The graduates are of various ethnicities and are looking in different directions. Some are looking down, while others are looking forward. The background is a blurred green, suggesting trees or foliage. The text "The Marathon Continues...." is overlaid on the lower half of the image in a white serif font.

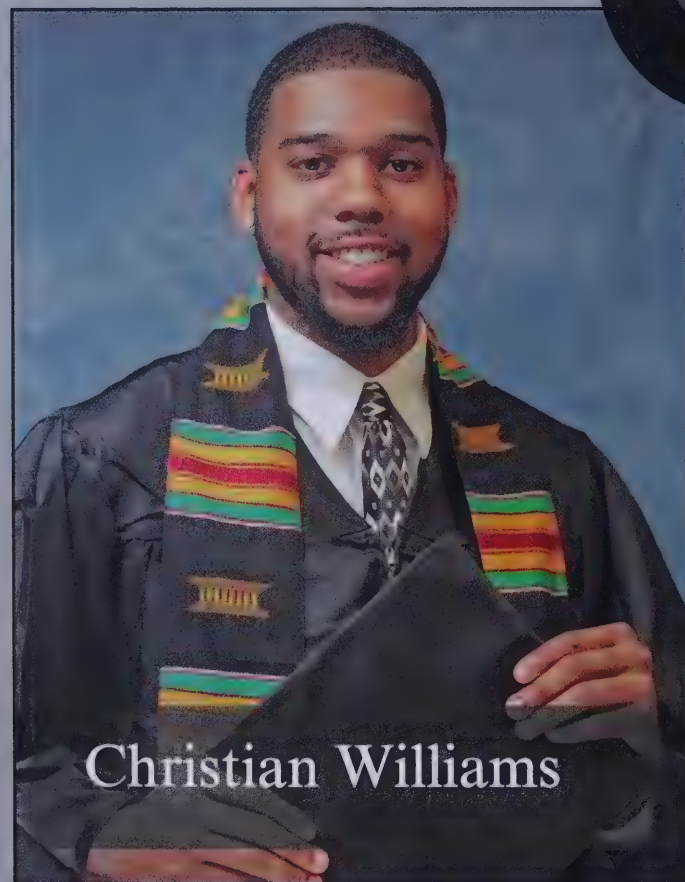
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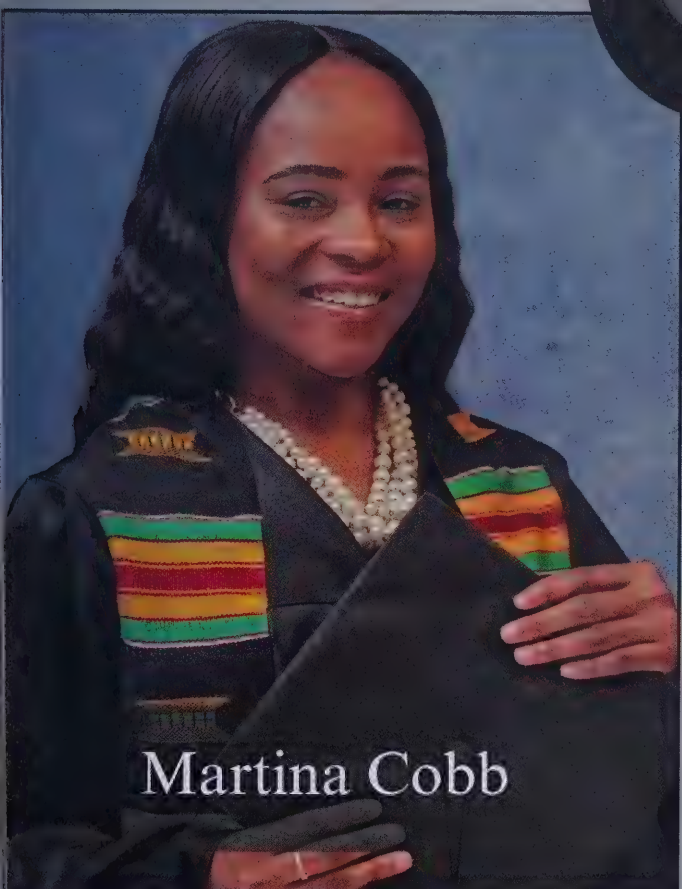
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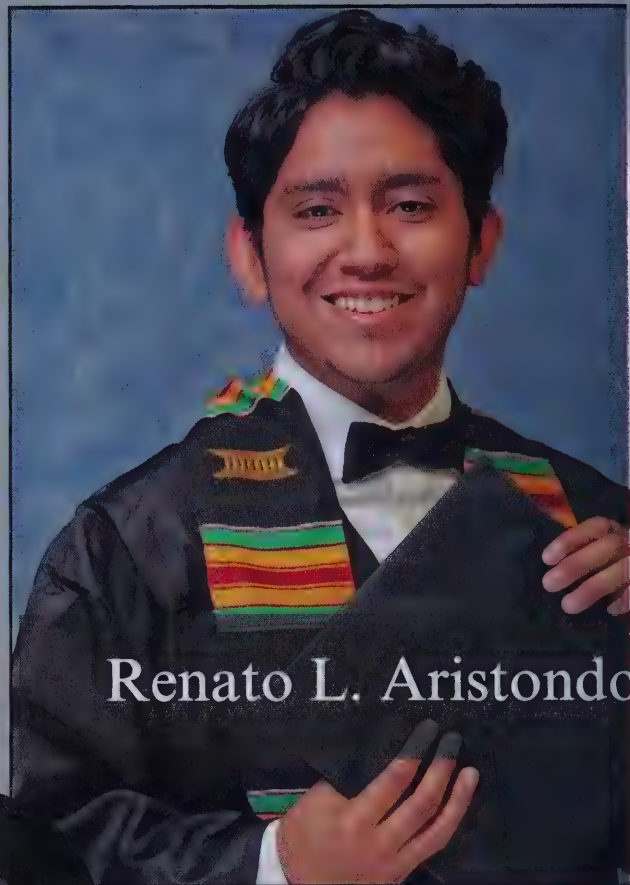
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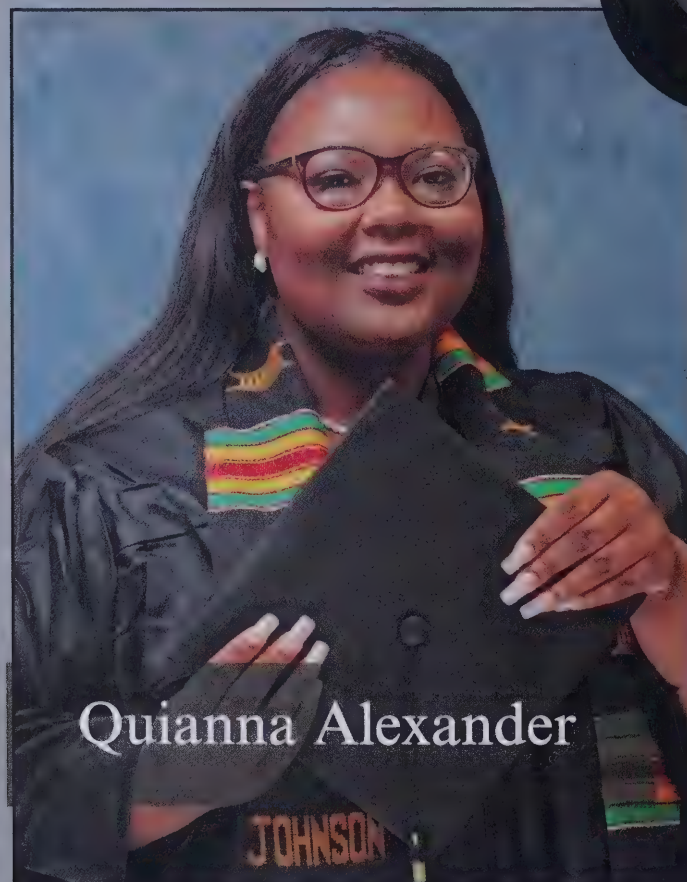
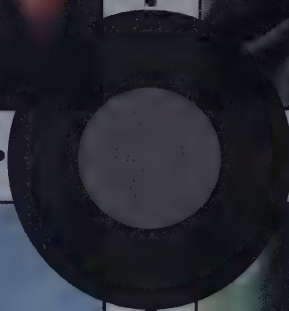
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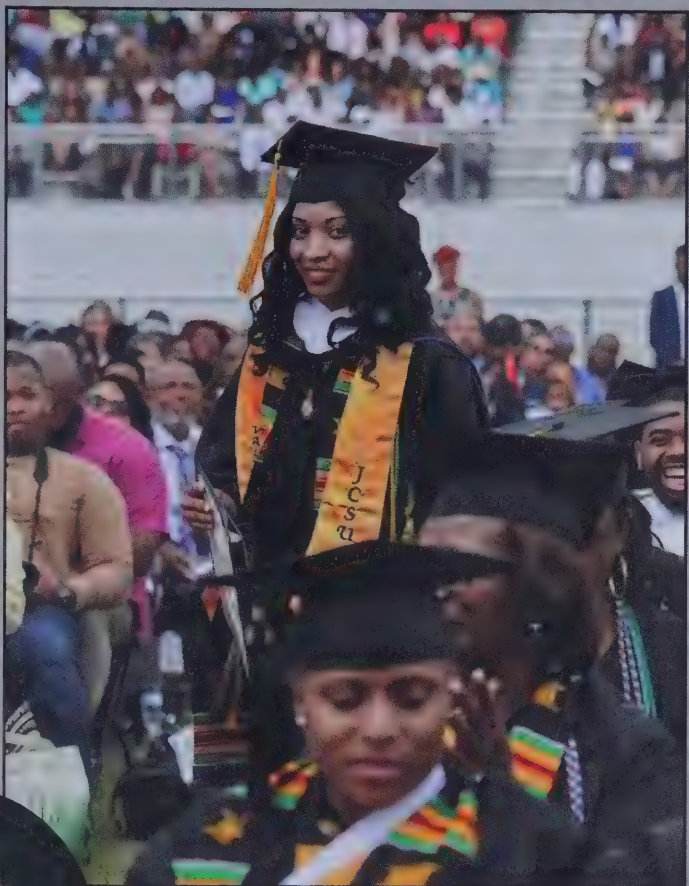


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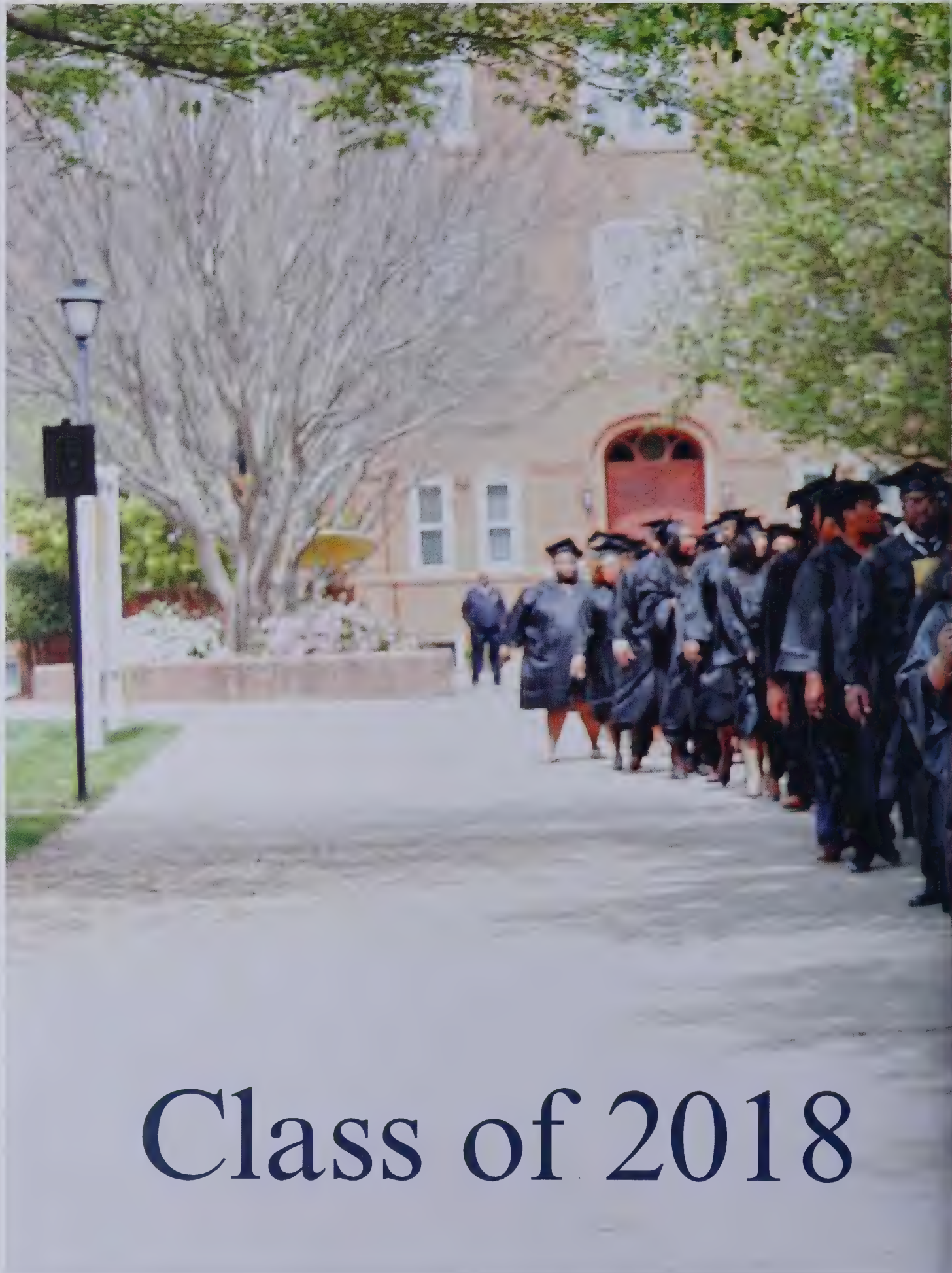
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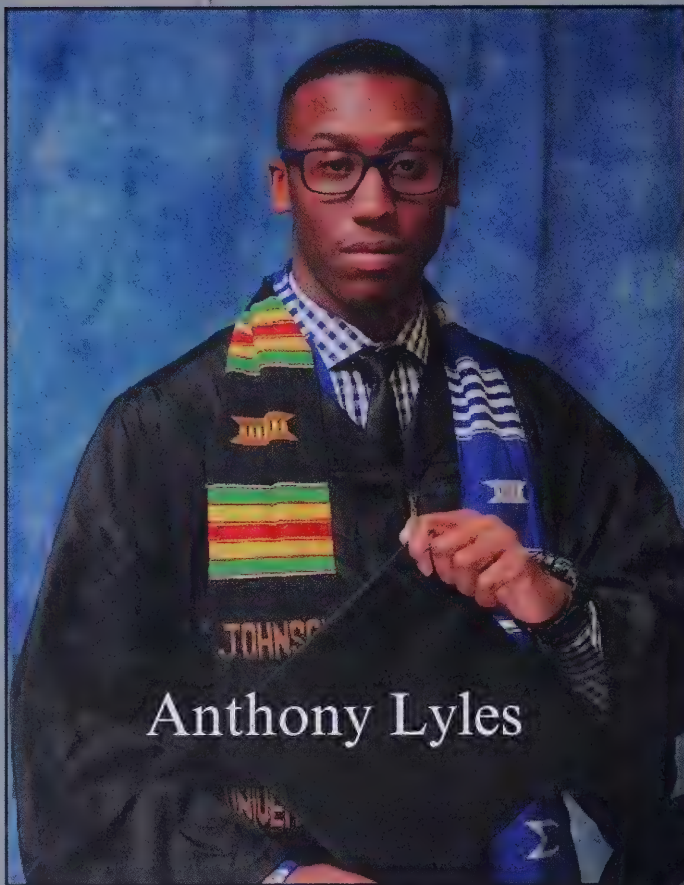






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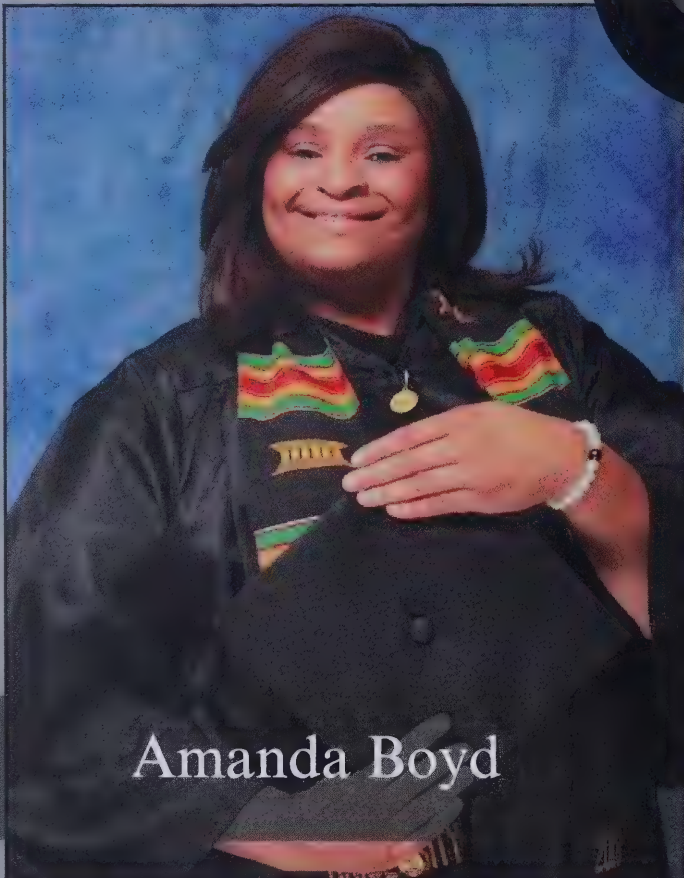




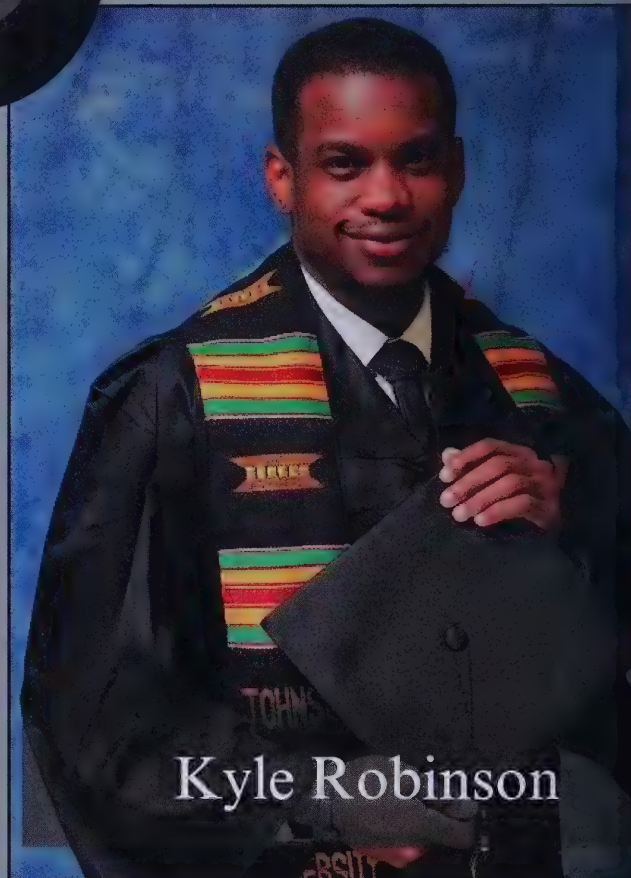
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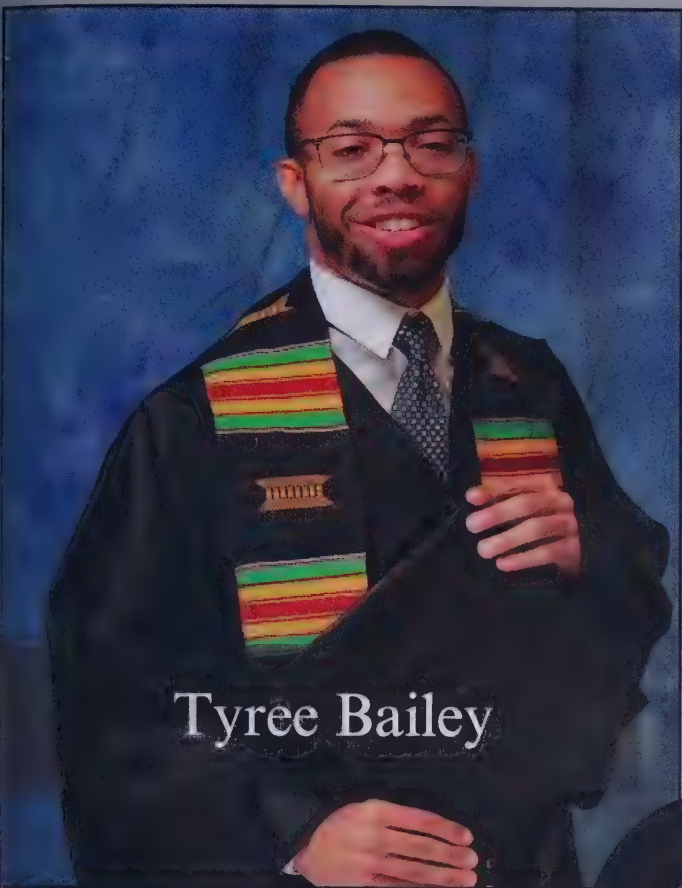
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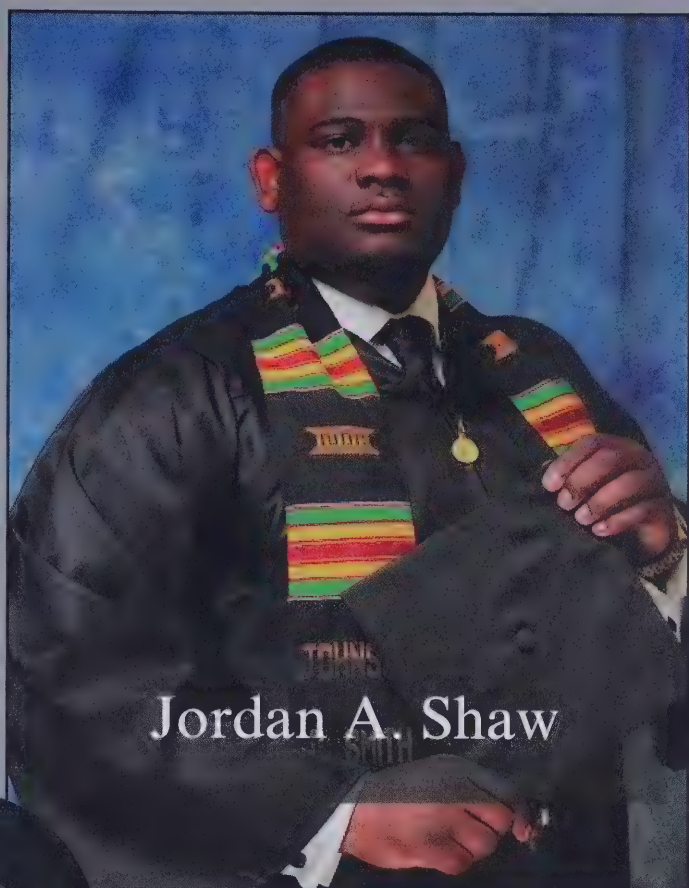
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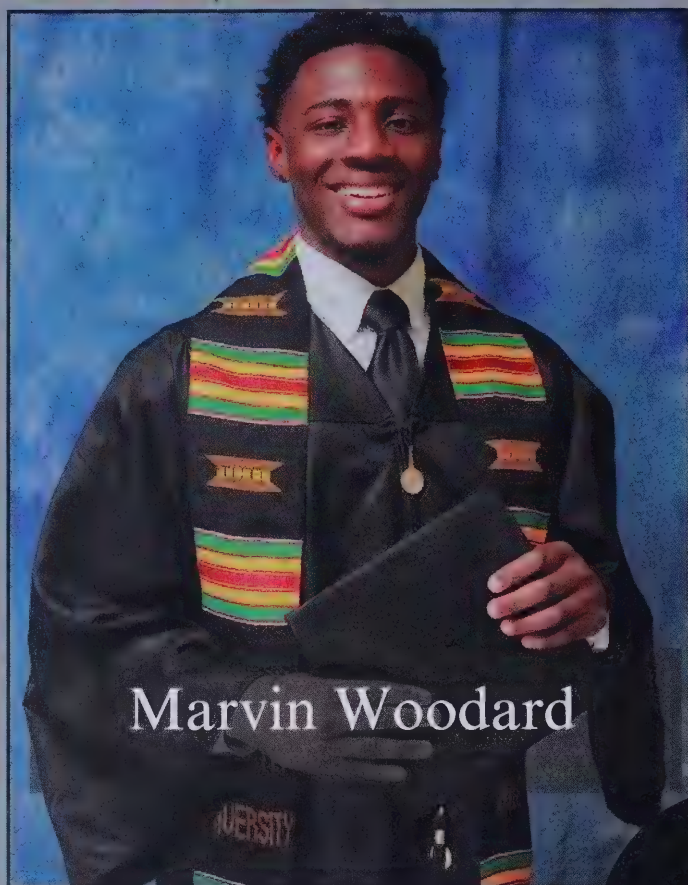
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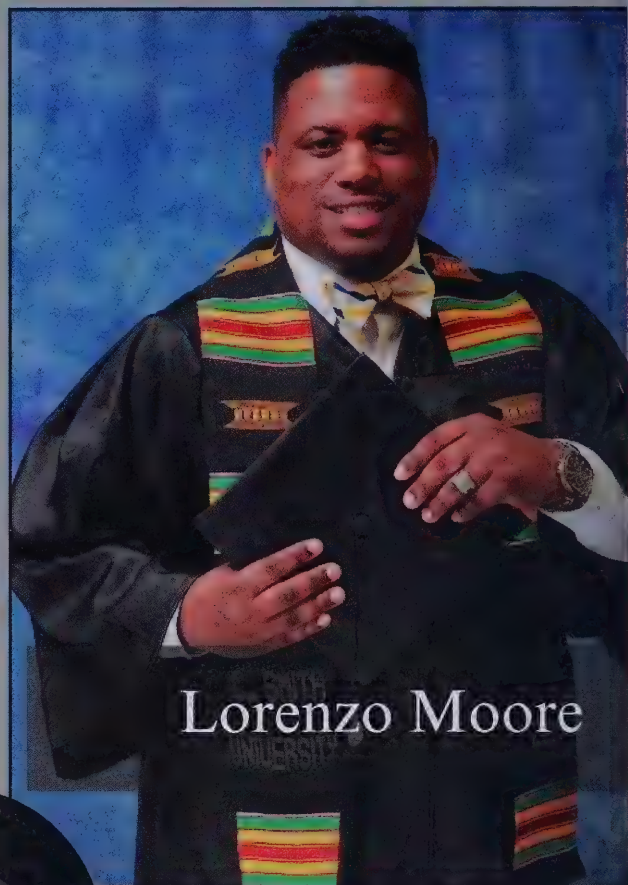
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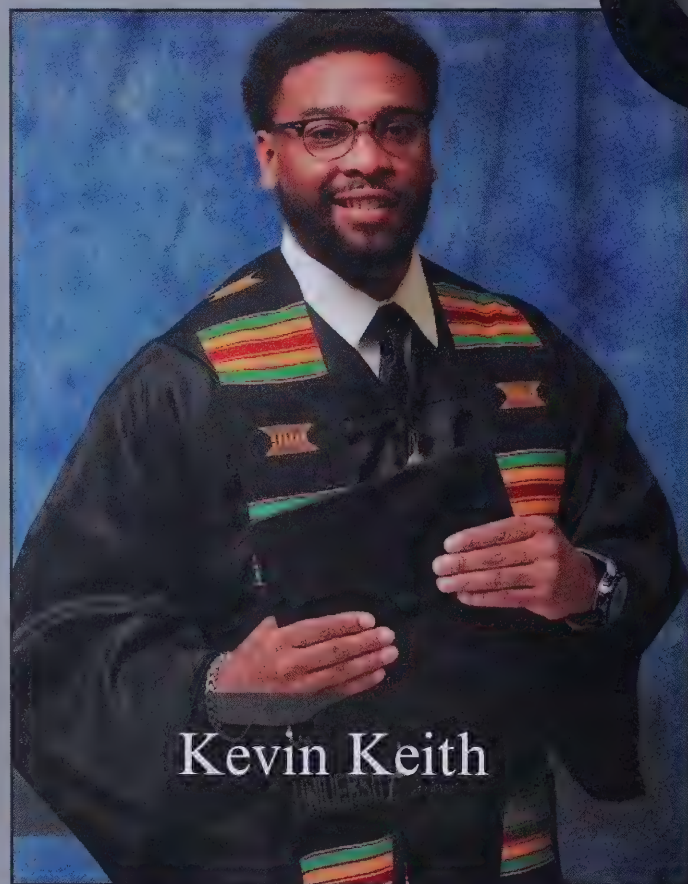
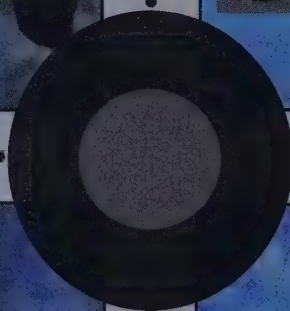
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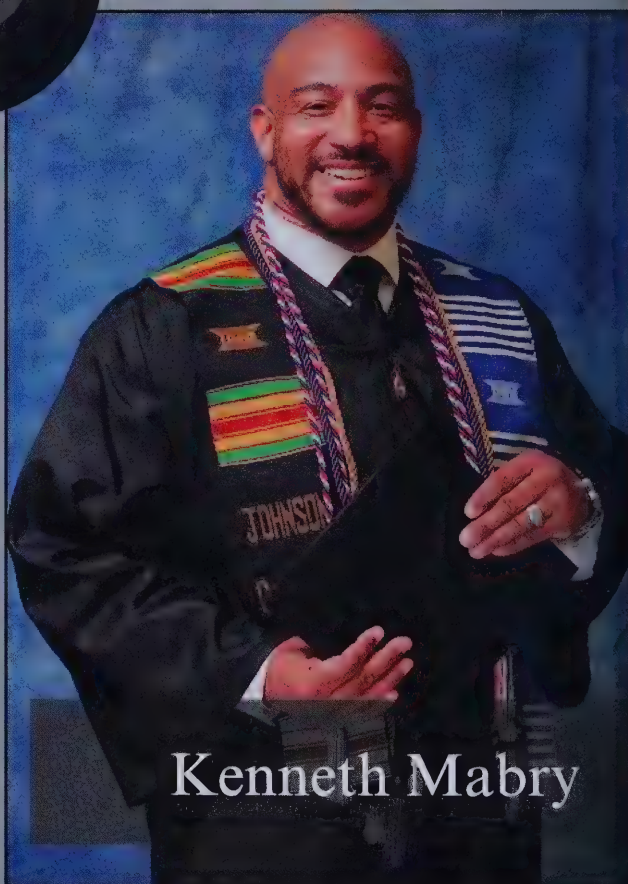
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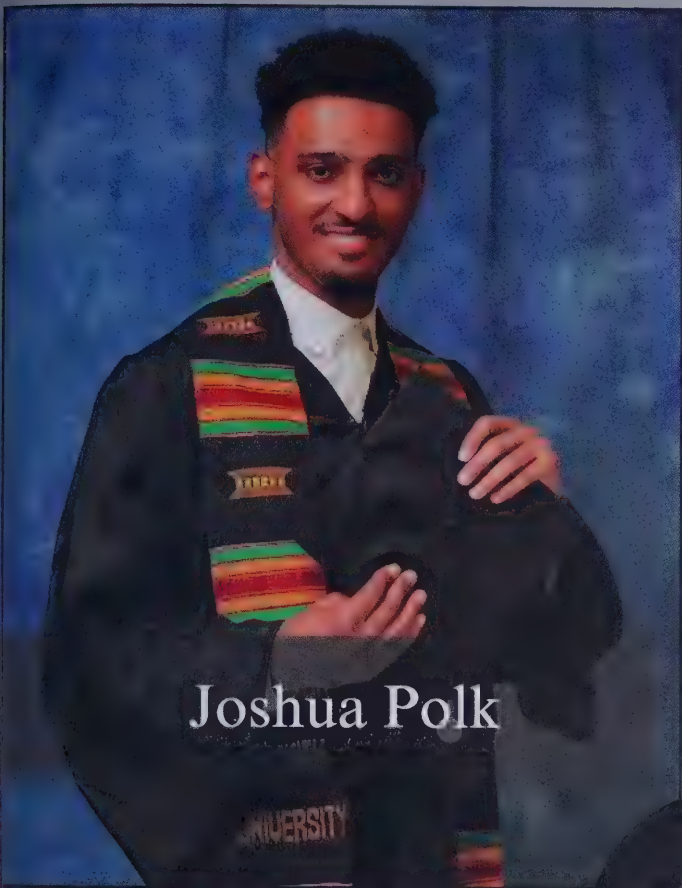
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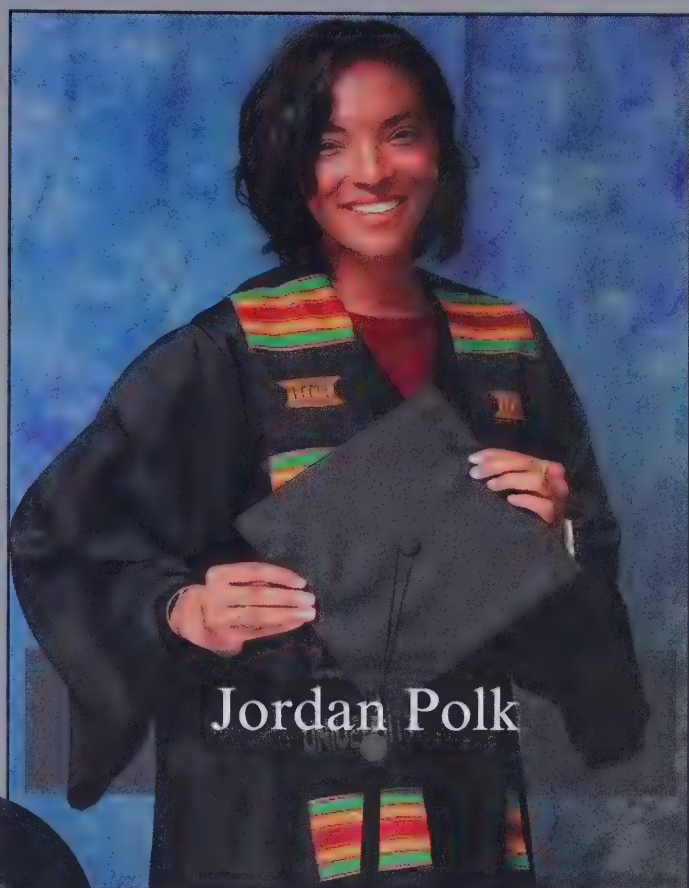
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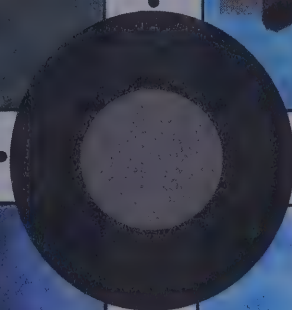
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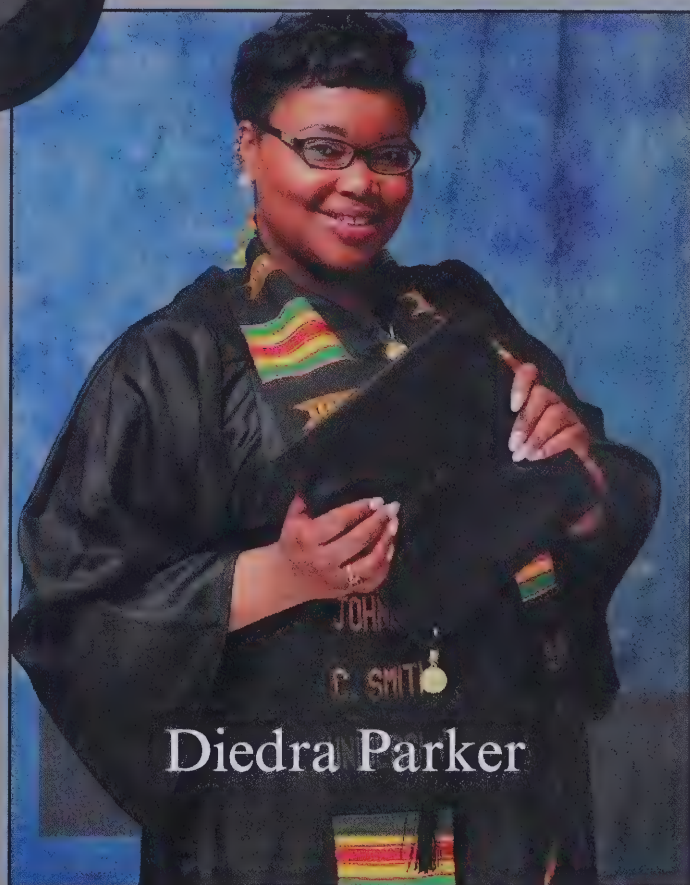
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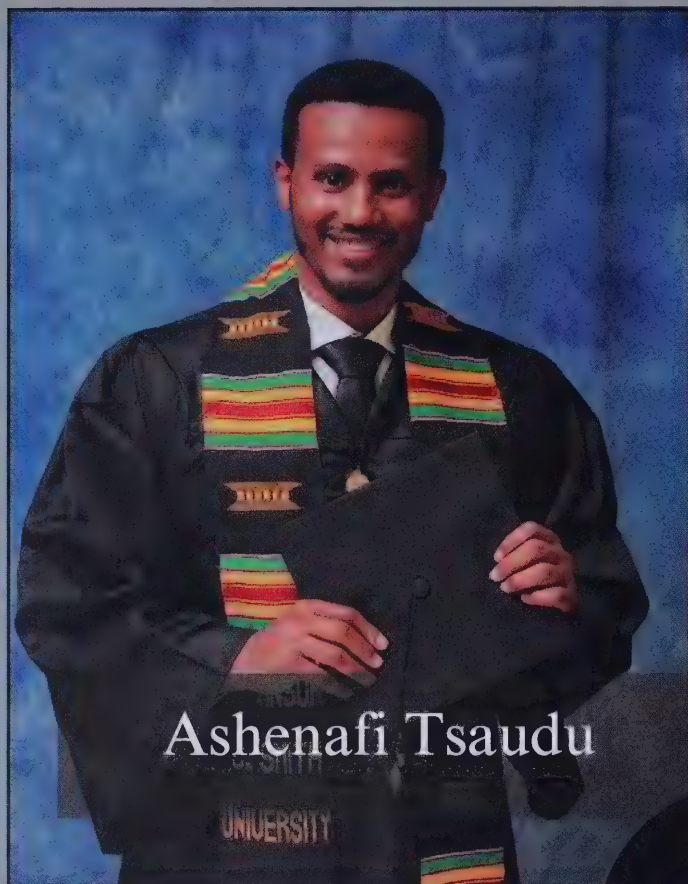
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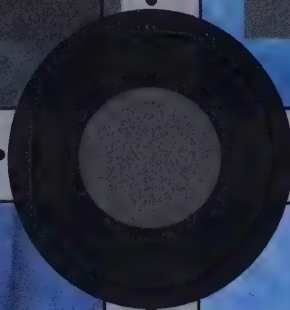
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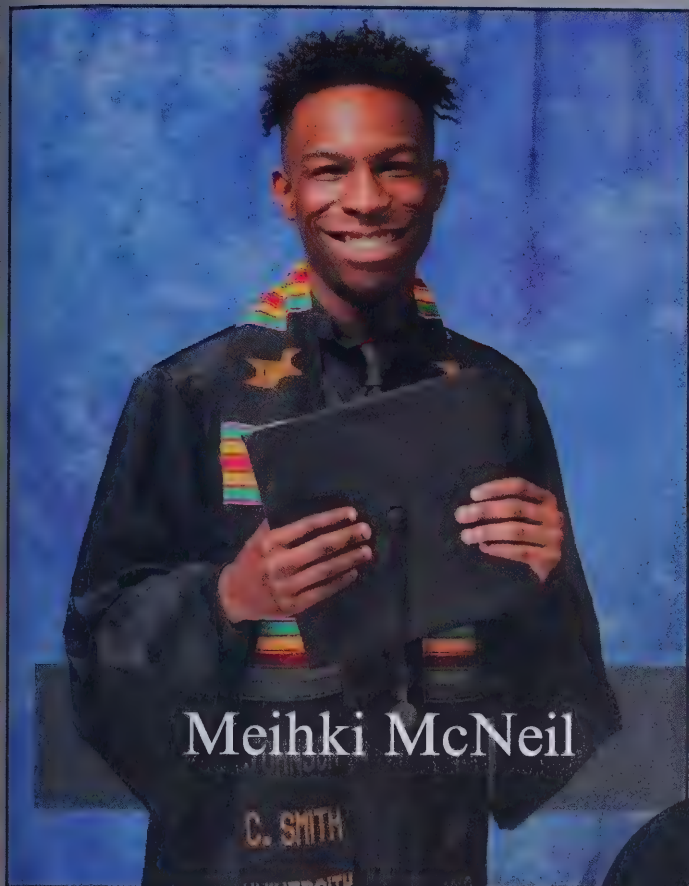
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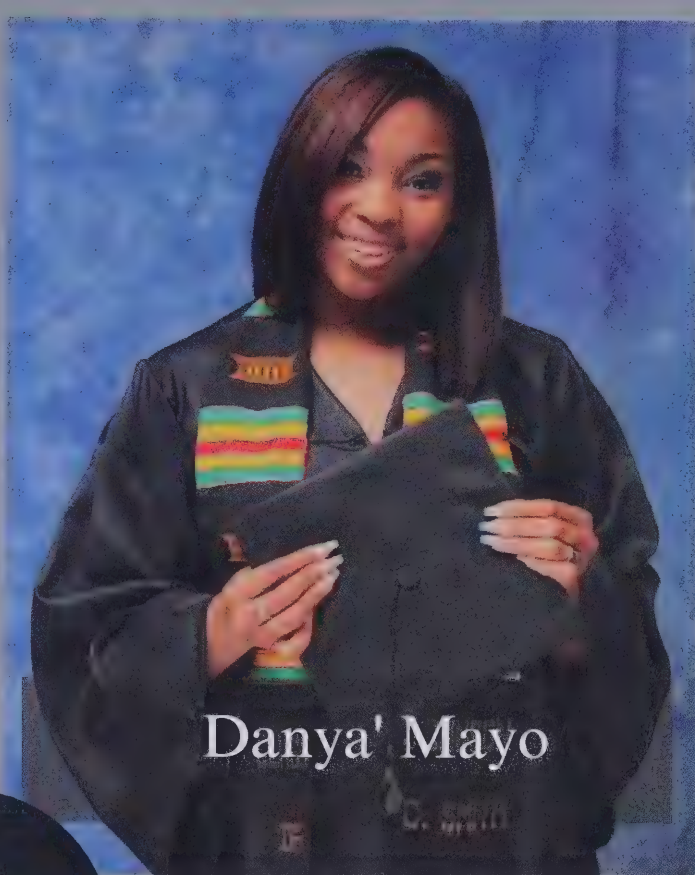
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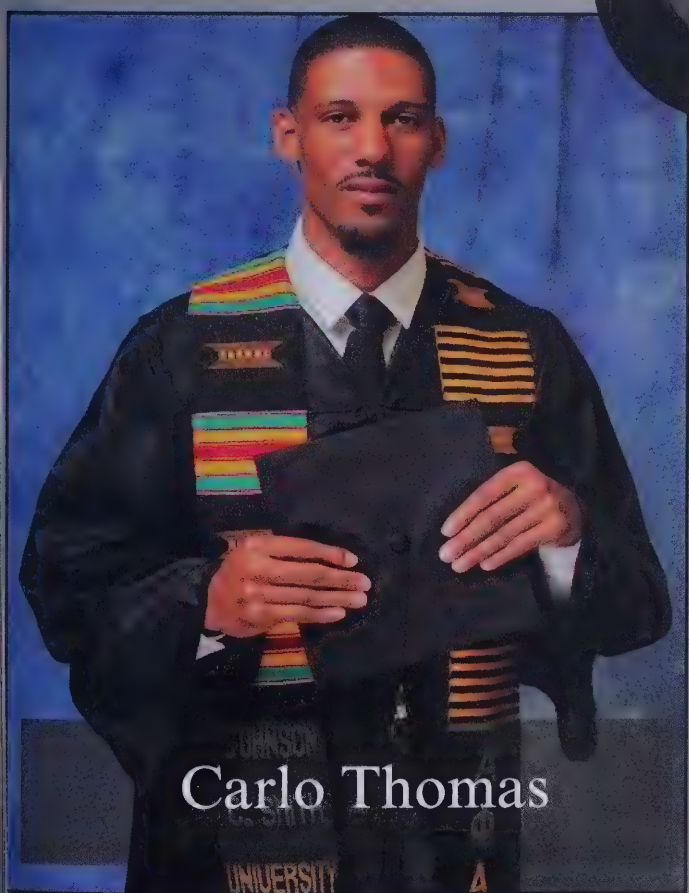
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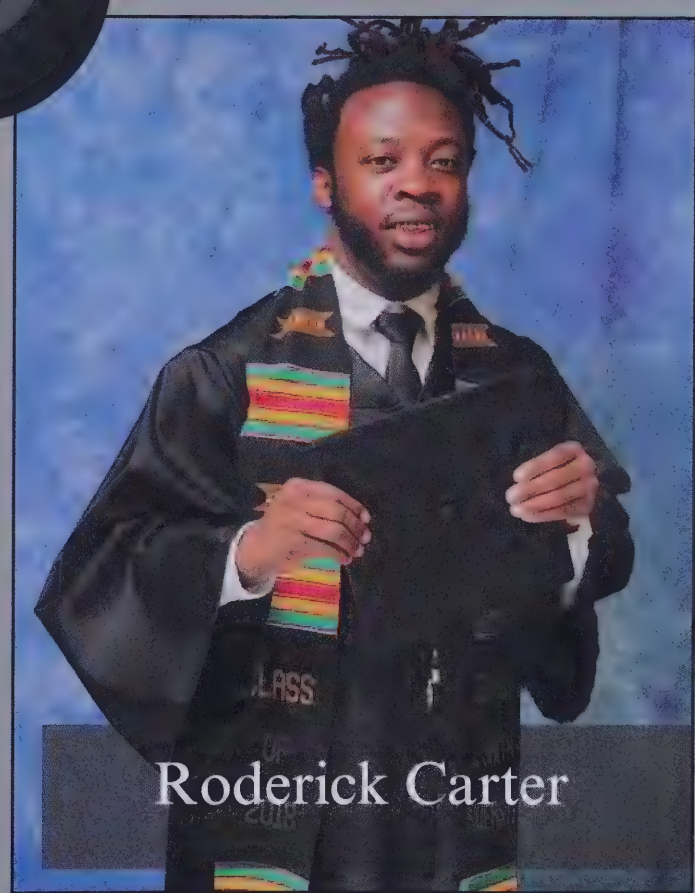
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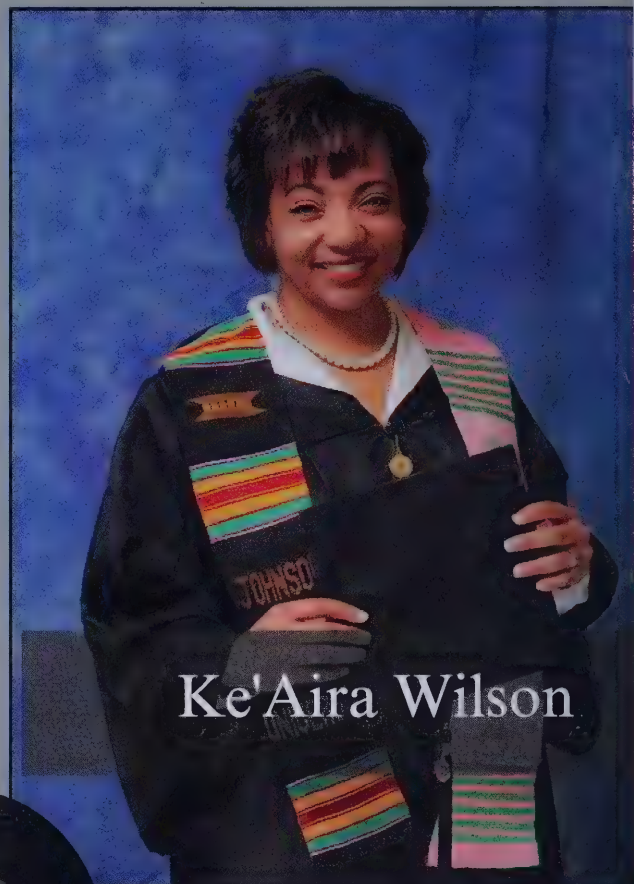
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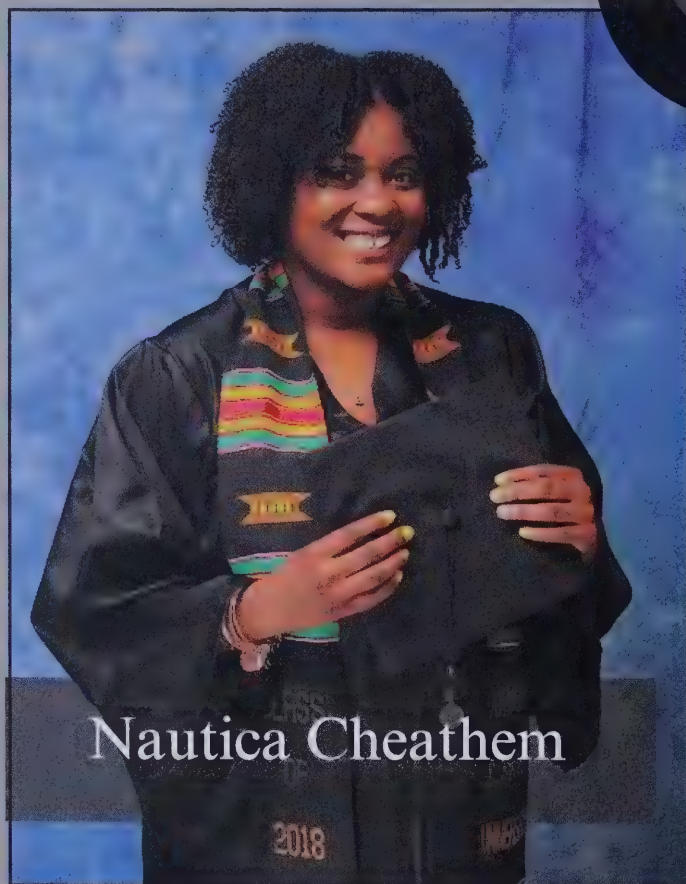
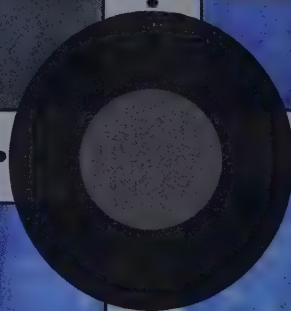
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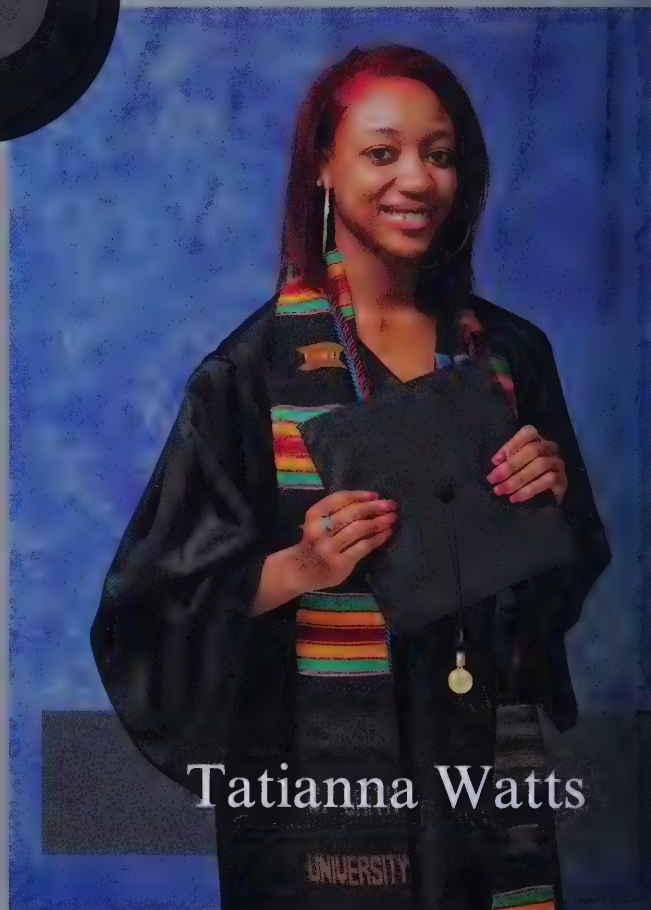
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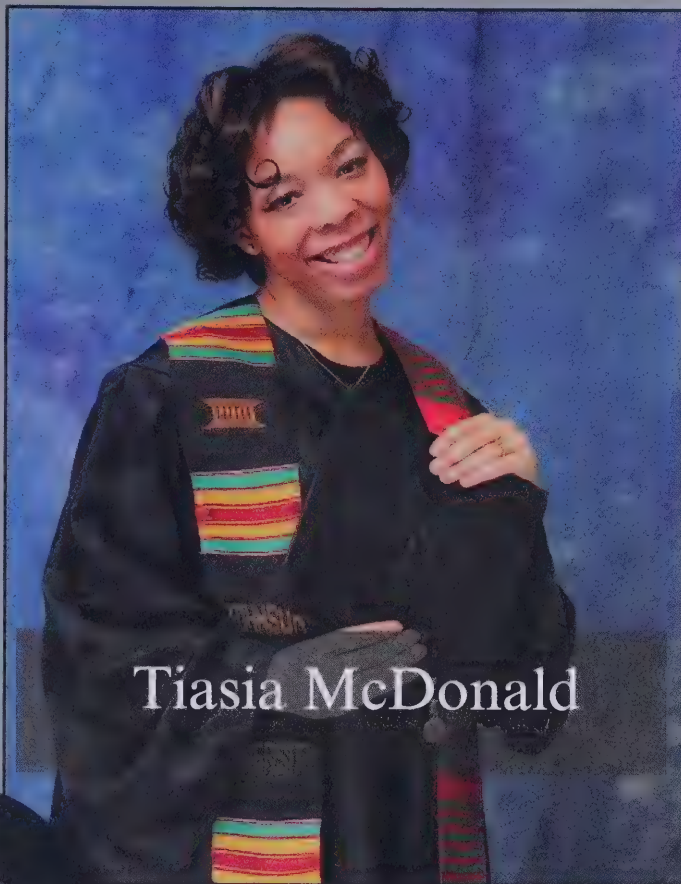
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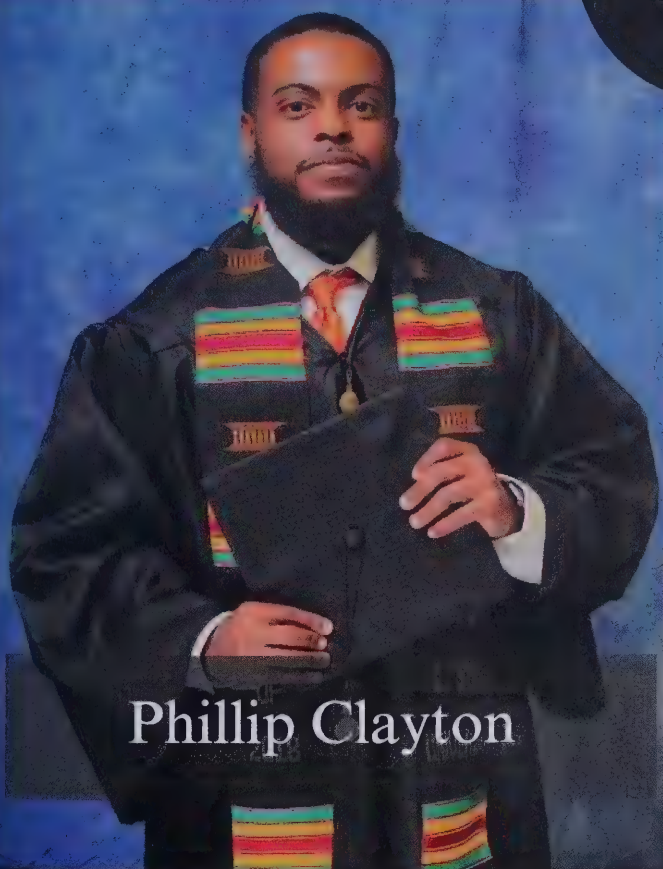
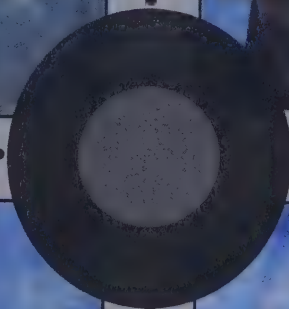
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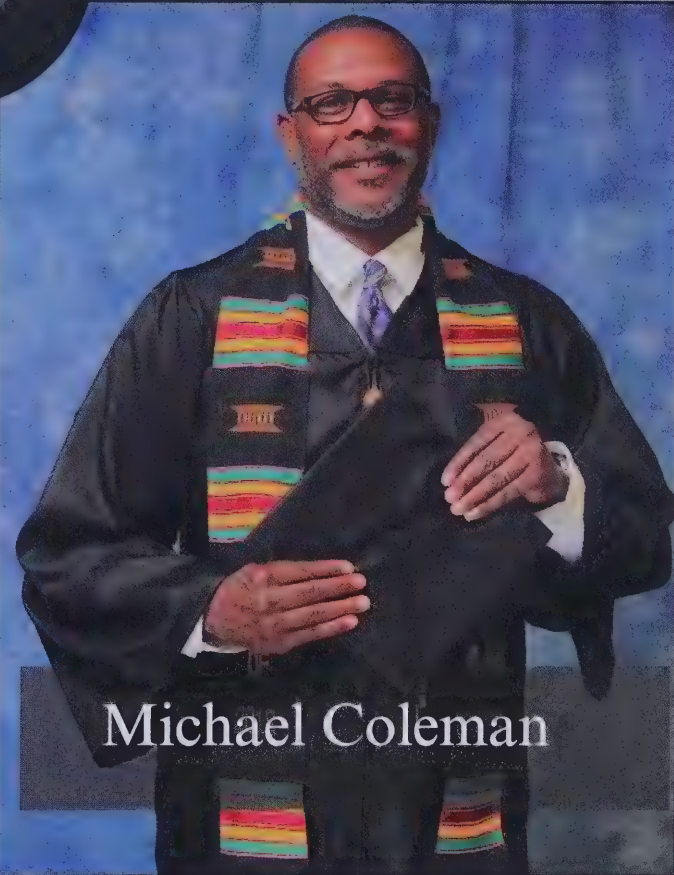
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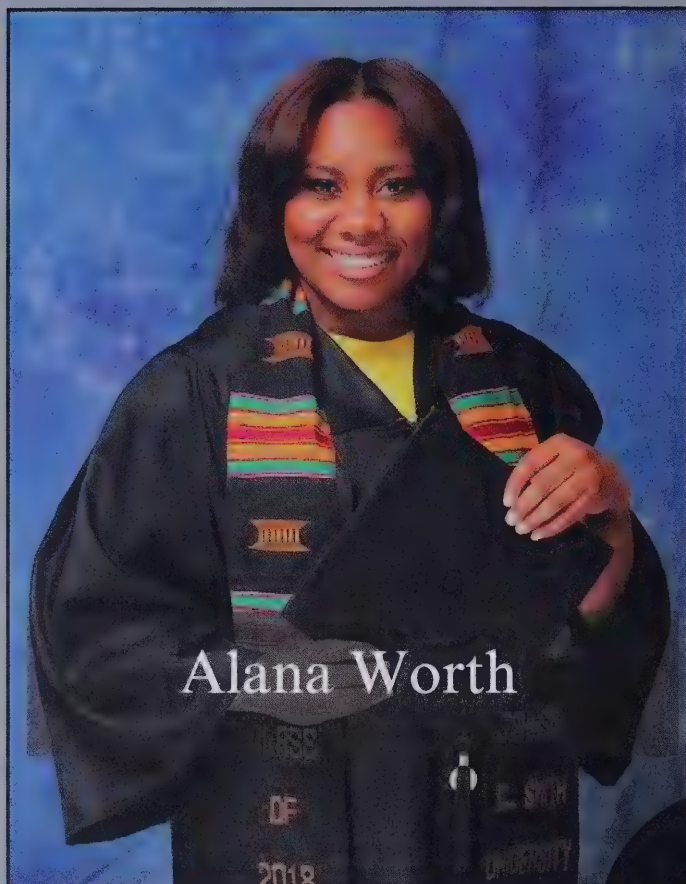
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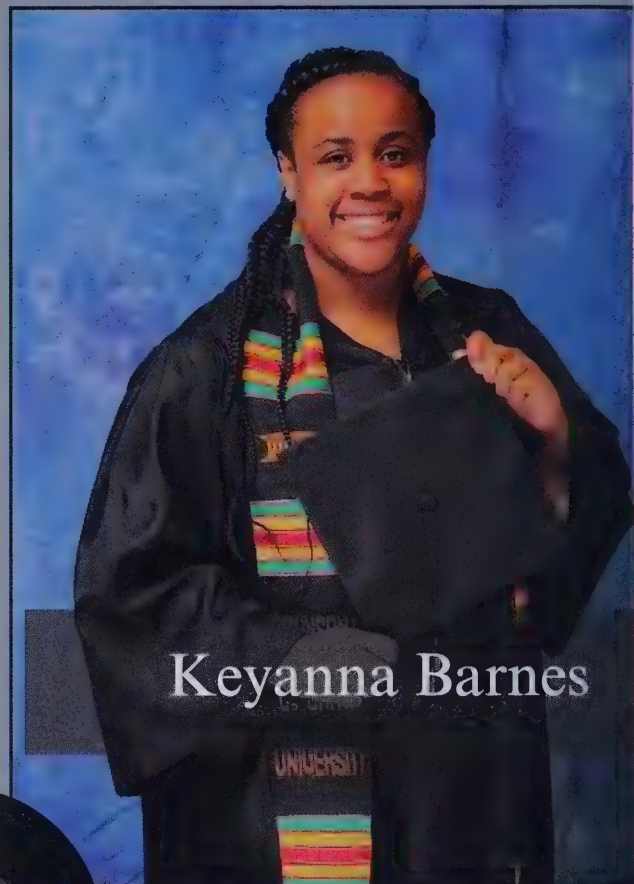
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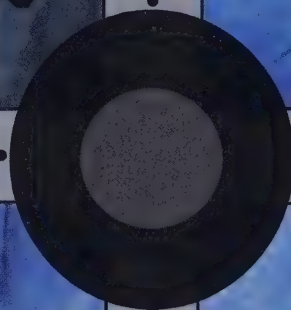
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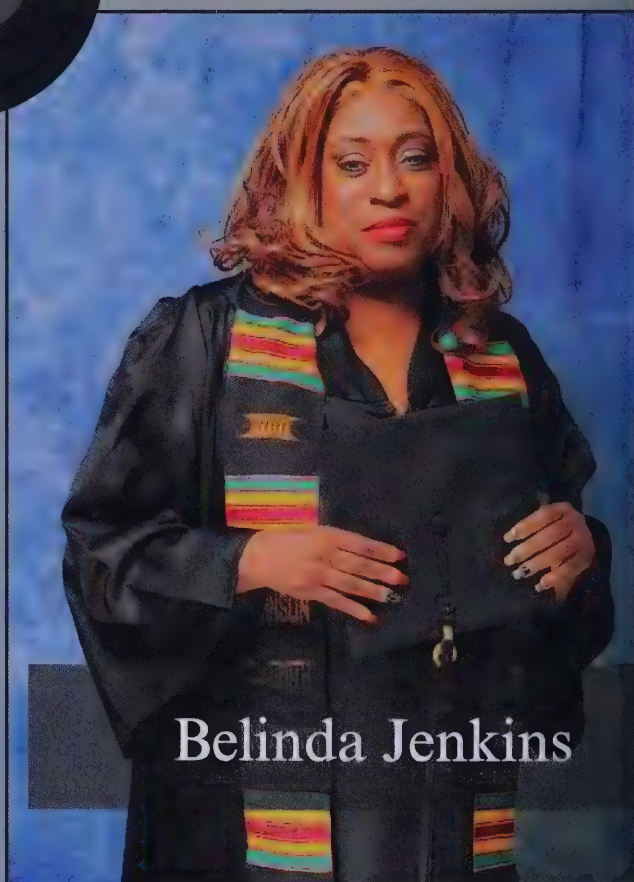
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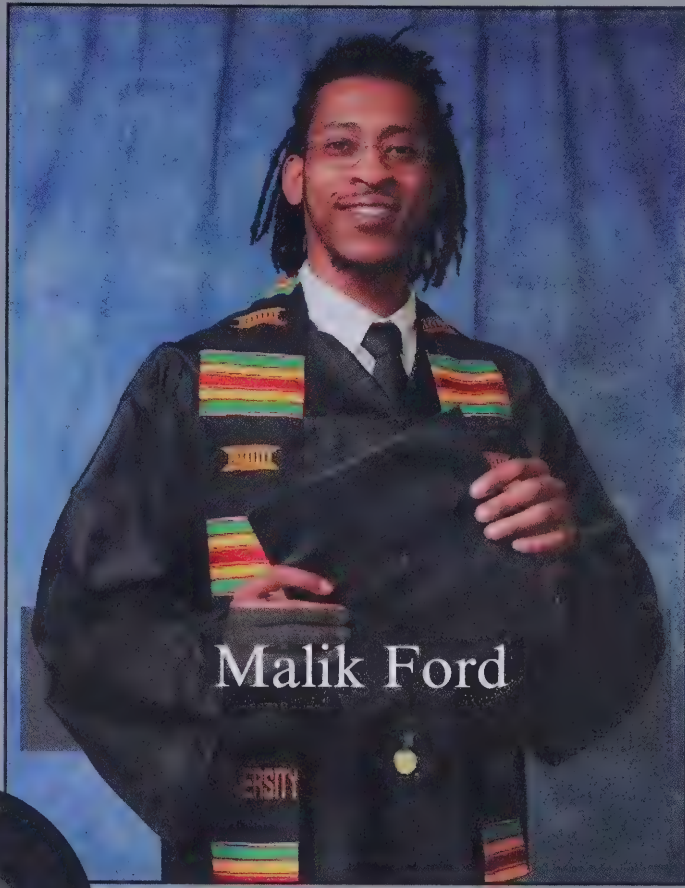
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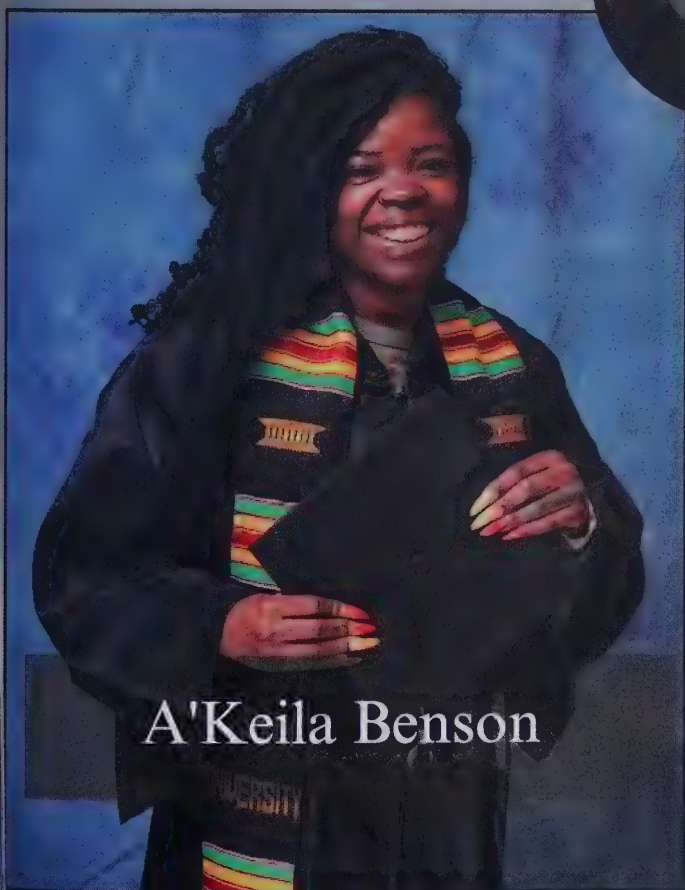
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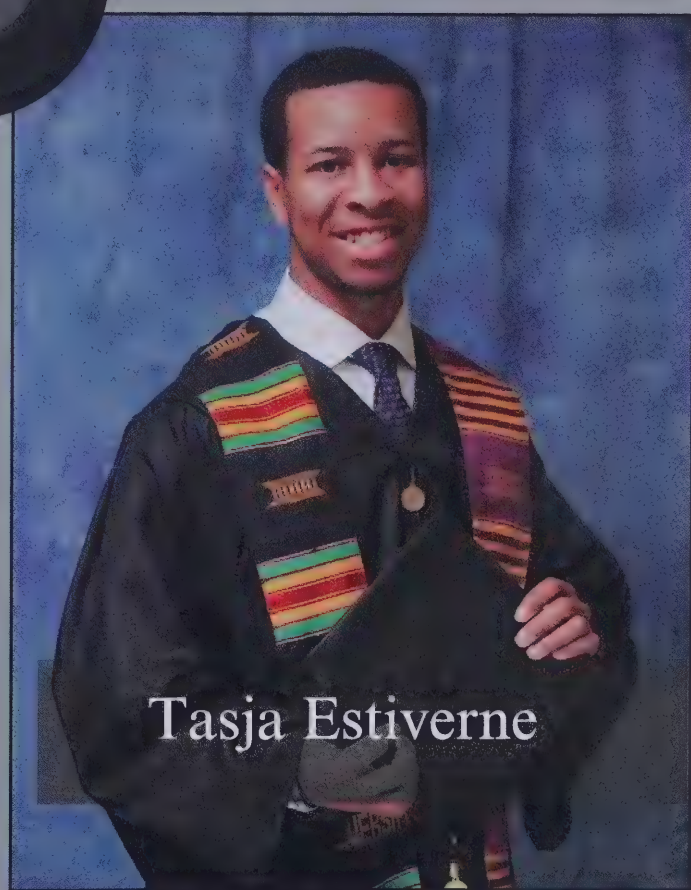
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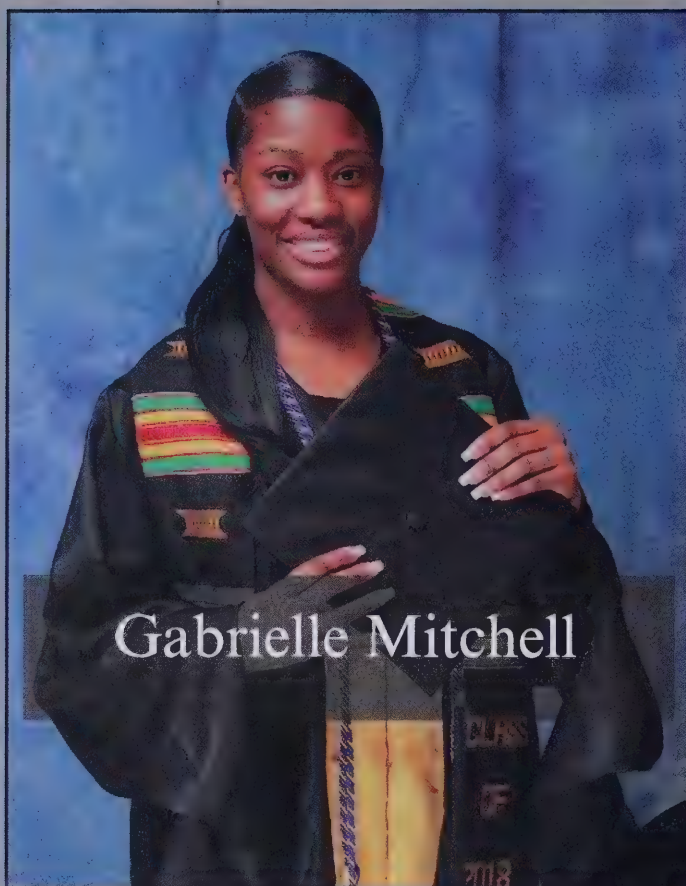
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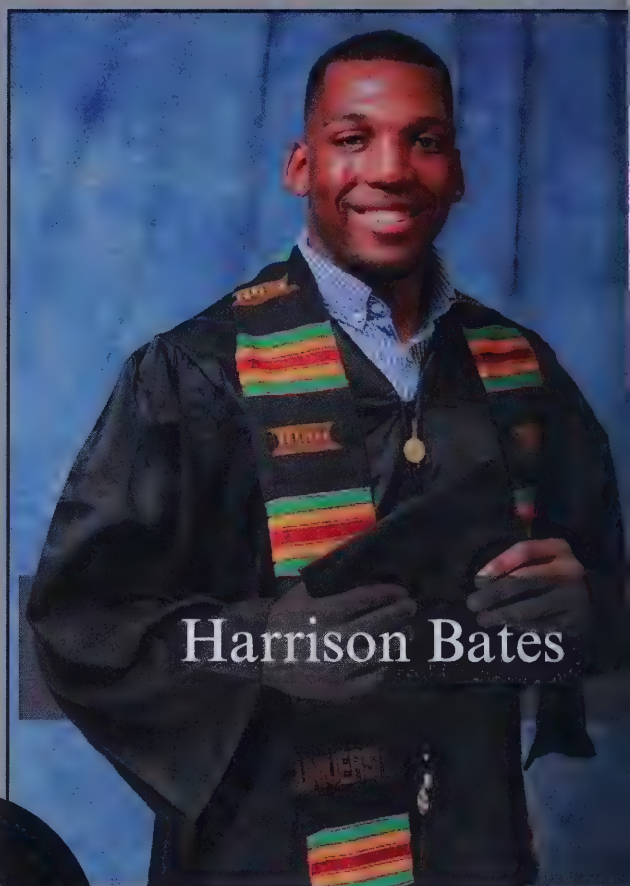
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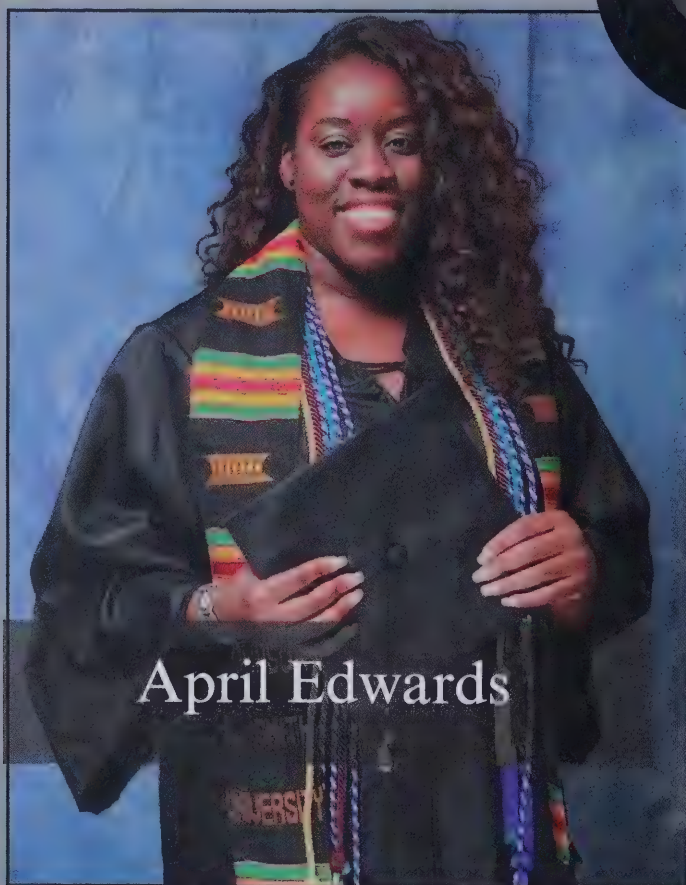
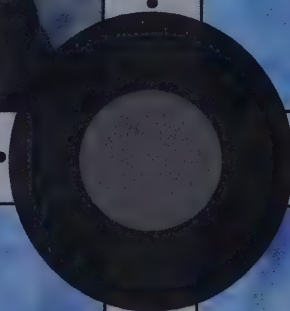
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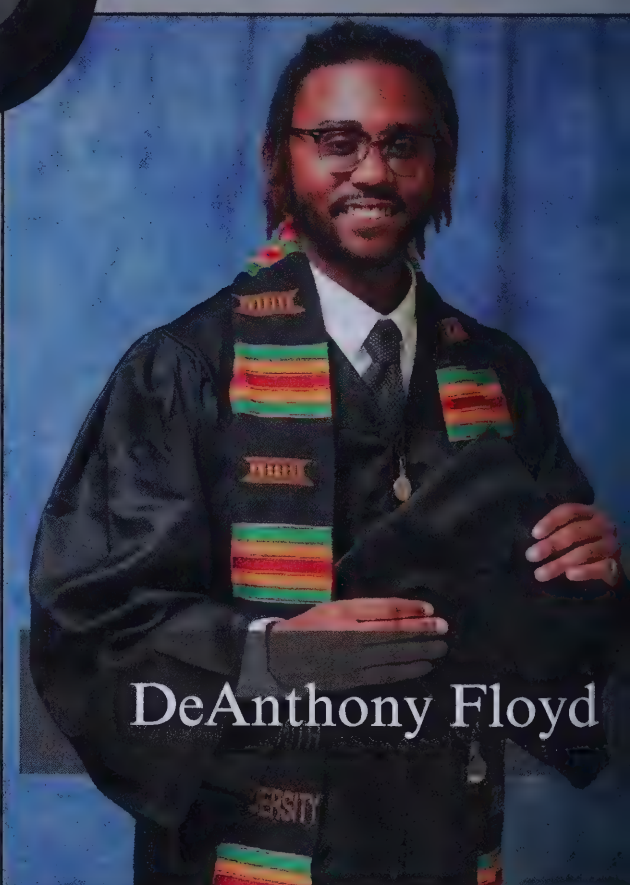
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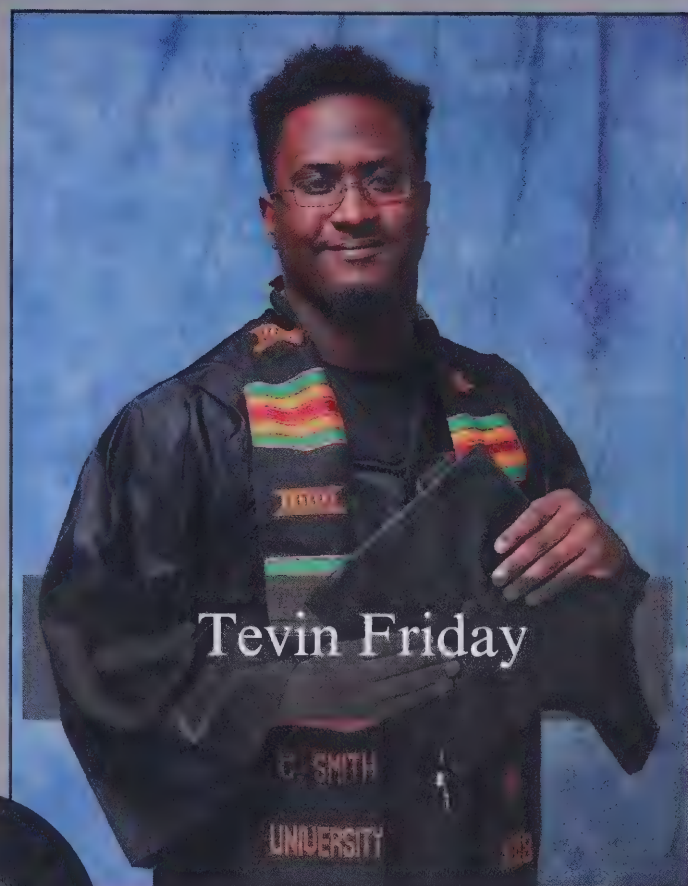
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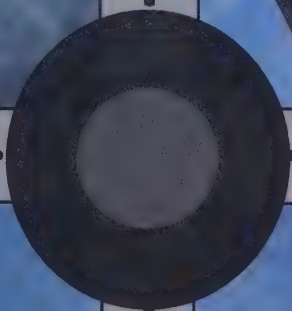
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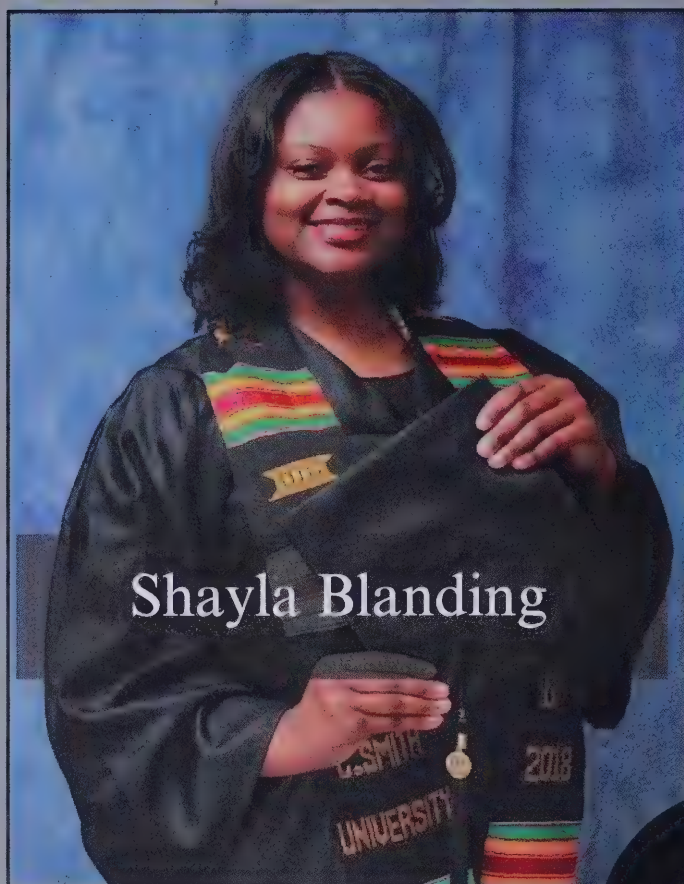
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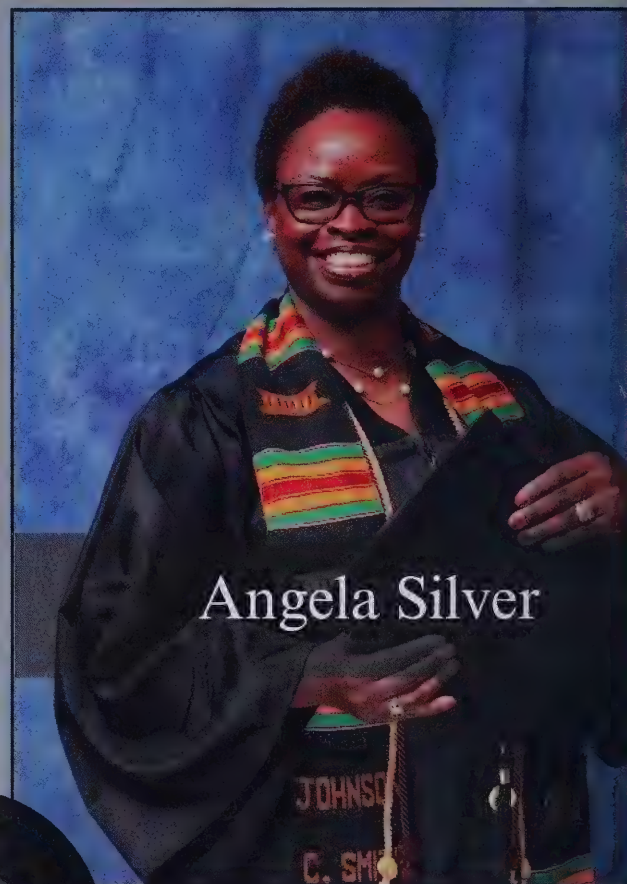
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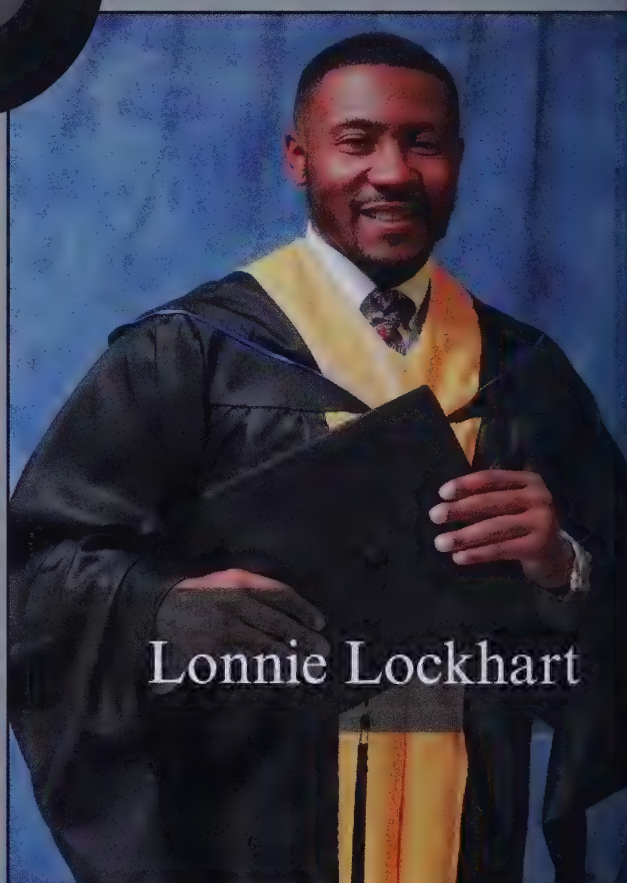
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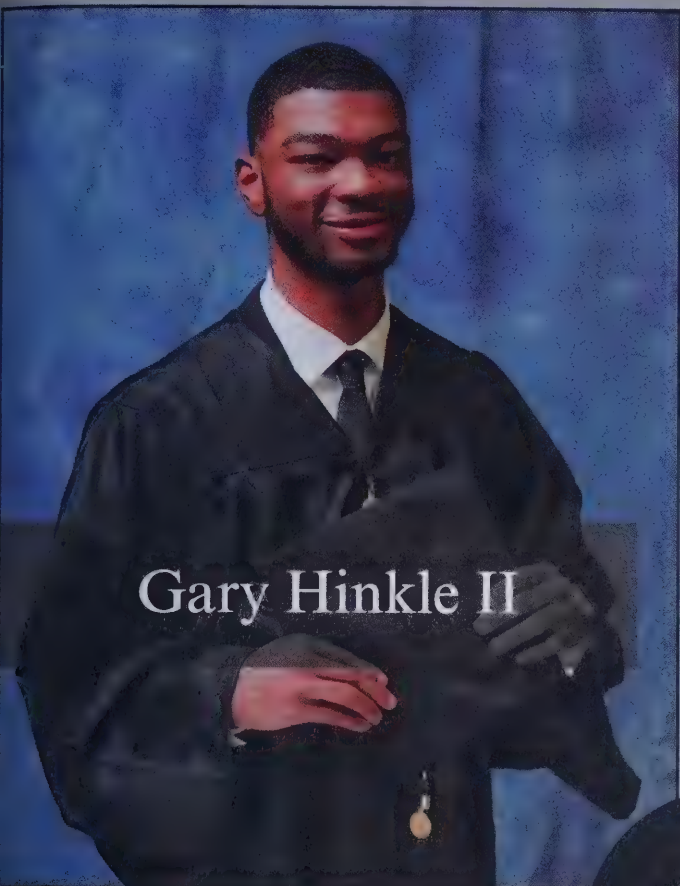
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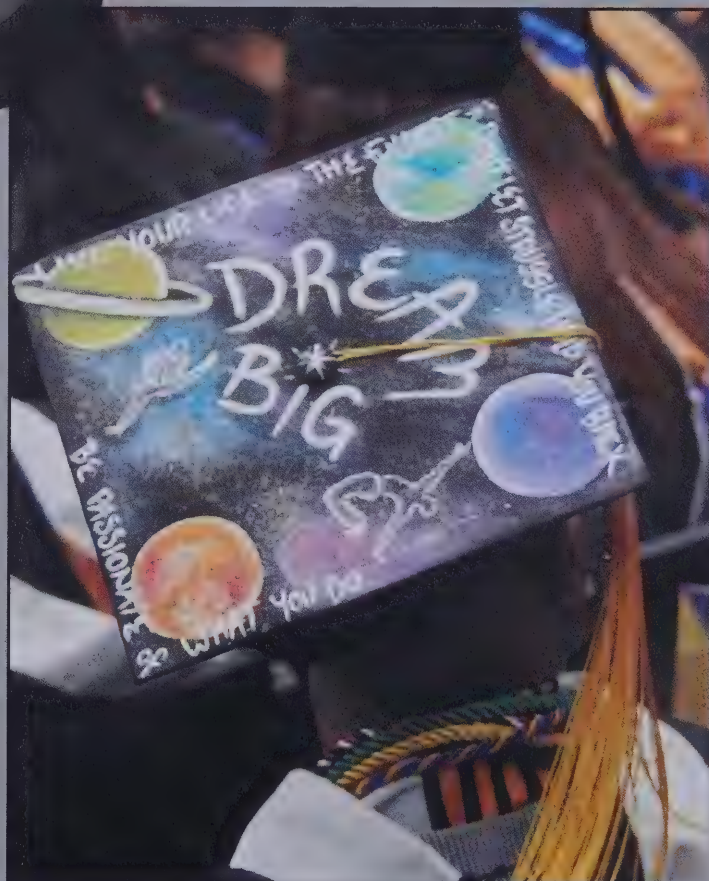
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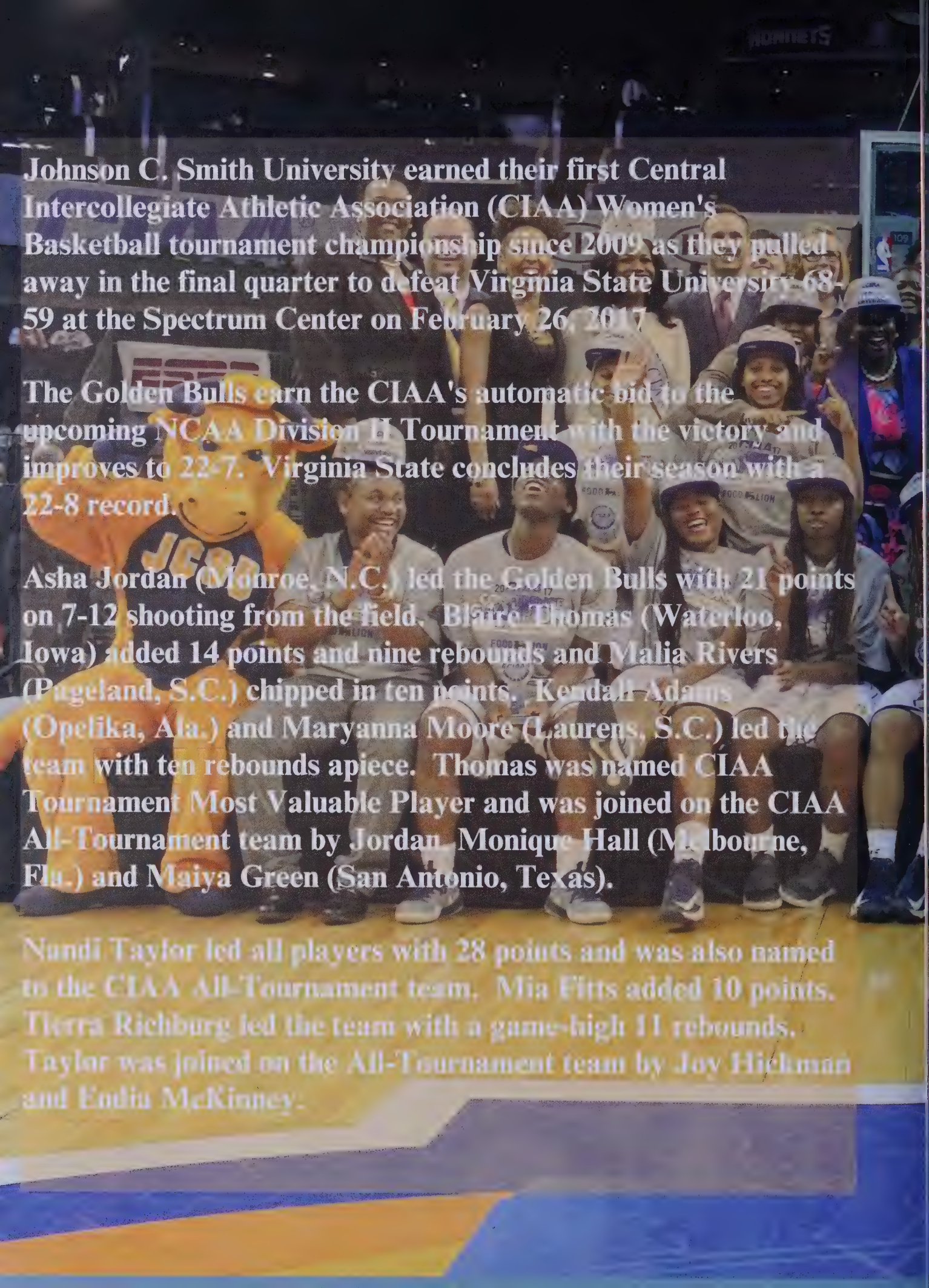


Nia Jacob









Johnson C. Smith University earned their first Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Women's Basketball tournament championship since 2009 as they pulled away in the final quarter to defeat Virginia State University 68-59 at the Spectrum Center on February 26, 2017.

The Golden Bulls earn the CIAA's automatic bid to the upcoming NCAA Division II Tournament with the victory and improves to 22-7. Virginia State concludes their season with a 22-8 record.

Asha Jordan (Monroe, N.C.) led the Golden Bulls with 21 points on 7-12 shooting from the field. Blaire Thomas (Waterloo, Iowa) added 14 points and nine rebounds and Malia Rivers (Pageland, S.C.) chipped in ten points. Kendall Adams (Opelika, Ala.) and Maryanna Moore (Laurens, S.C.) led the team with ten rebounds apiece. Thomas was named CIAA Tournament Most Valuable Player and was joined on the CIAA All-Tournament team by Jordan Monique Hall (Melbourne, Fla.) and Maiya Green (San Antonio, Texas).

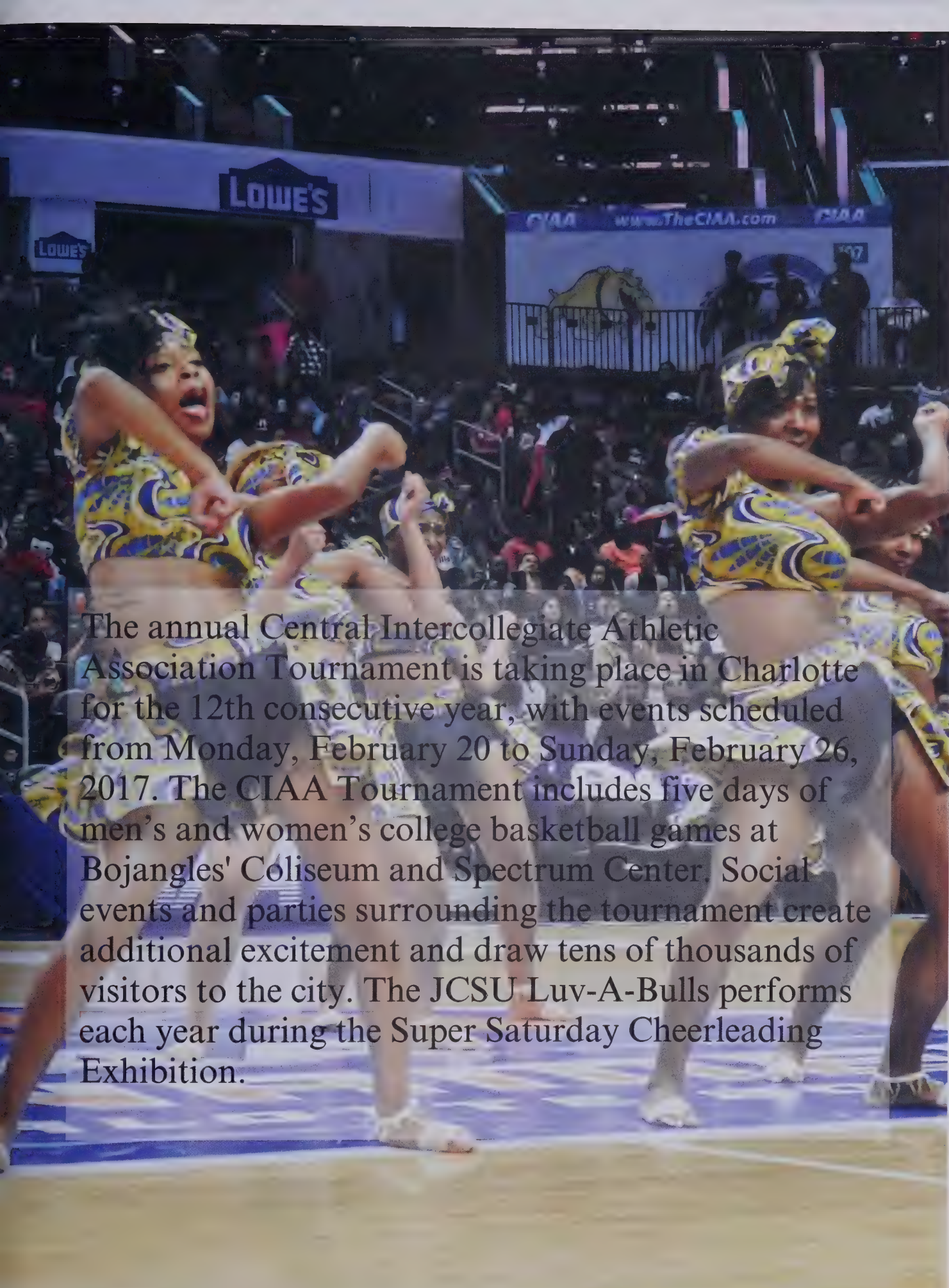
Nandi Taylor led all players with 28 points and was also named to the CIAA All-Tournament team. Mia Fitts added 10 points. Tierra Richburg led the team with a game-high 11 rebounds. Taylor was joined on the All-Tournament team by Joy Hickman and Endia McKinney.



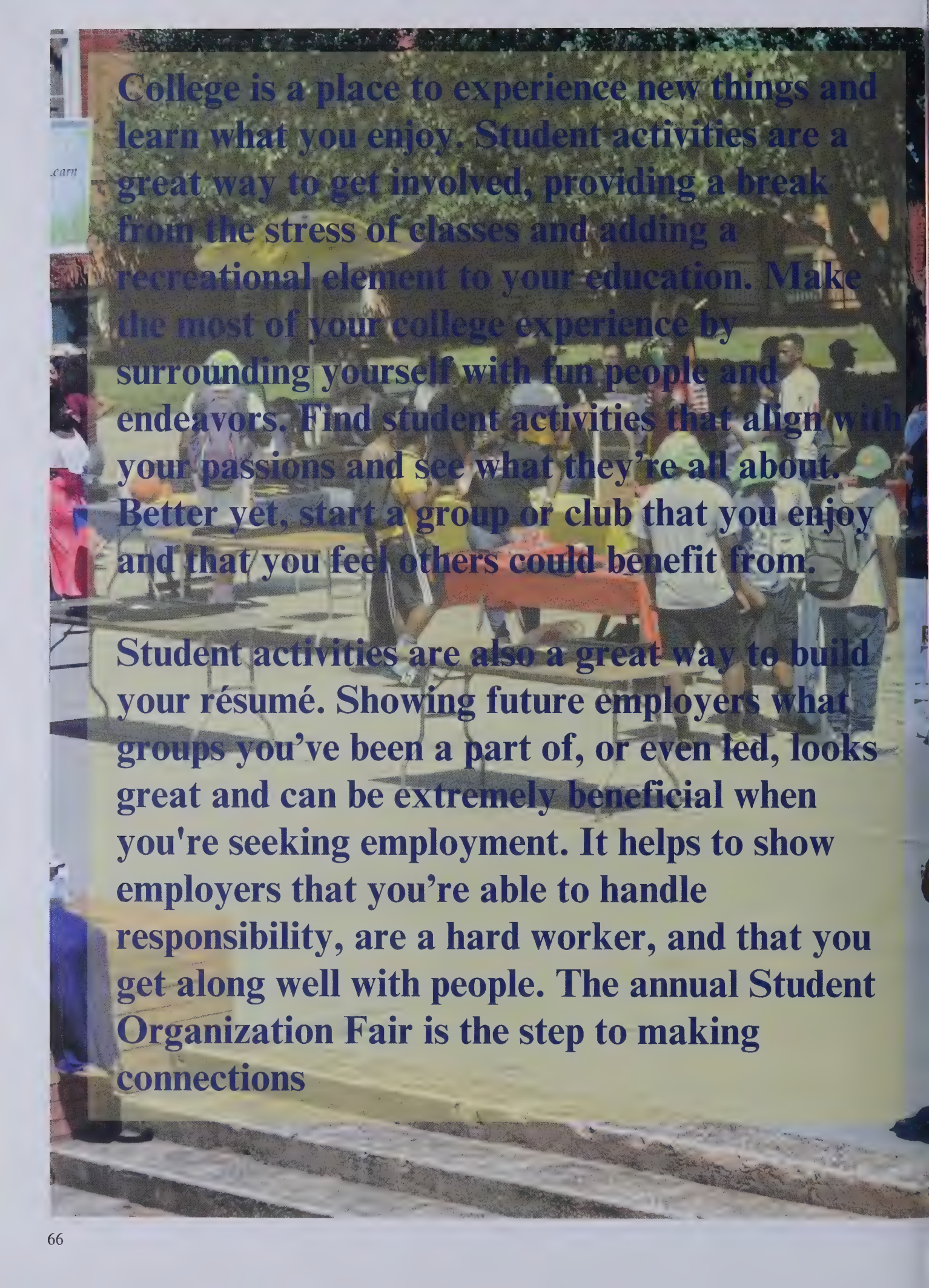
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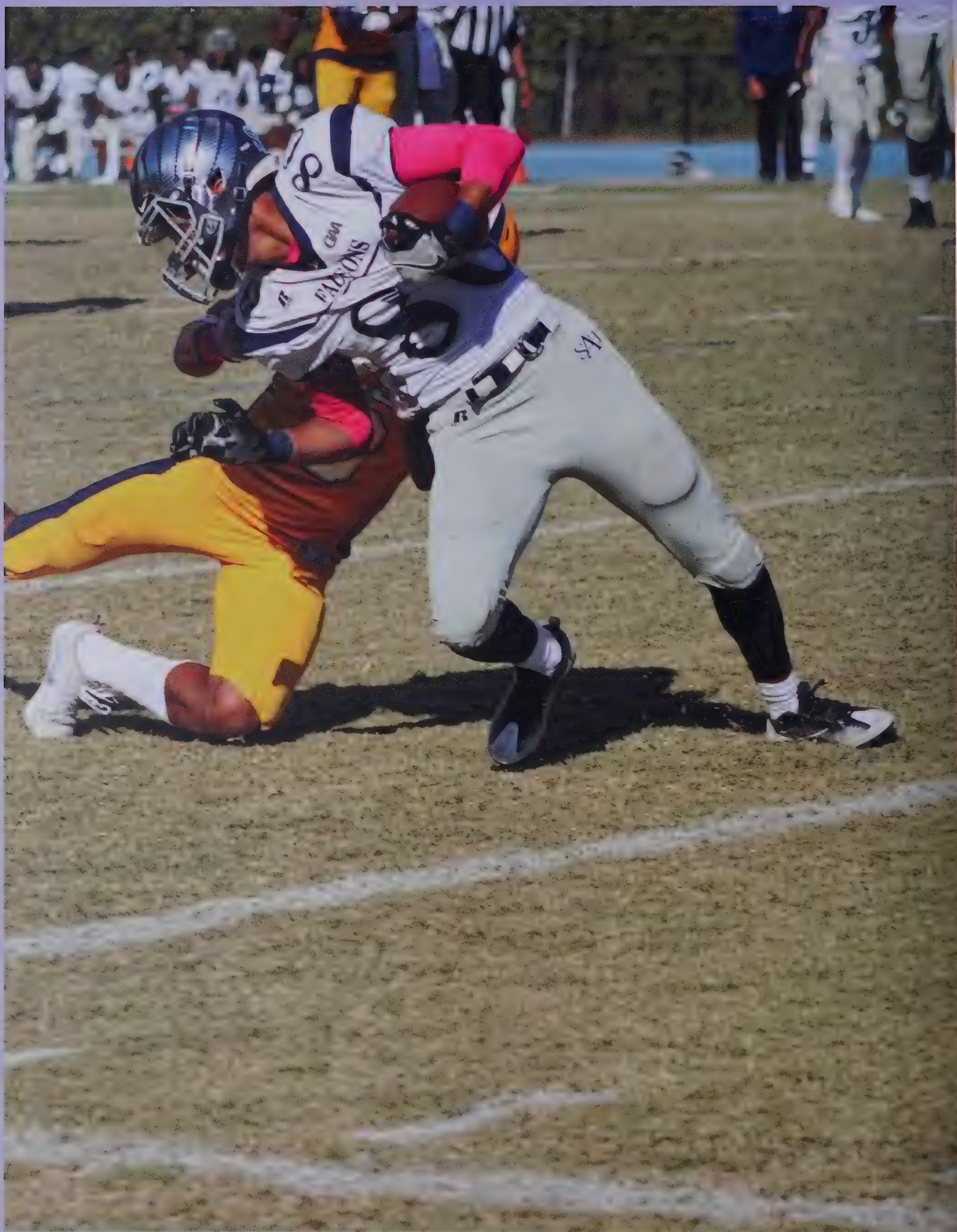
The annual Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Tournament is taking place in Charlotte for the 12th consecutive year, with events scheduled from Monday, February 20 to Sunday, February 26, 2017. The CIAA Tournament includes five days of men's and women's college basketball games at Bojangles' Coliseum and Spectrum Center. Social events and parties surrounding the tournament create additional excitement and draw tens of thousands of visitors to the city. The JCSU Luv-A-Bulls performs each year during the Super Saturday Cheerleading Exhibition.



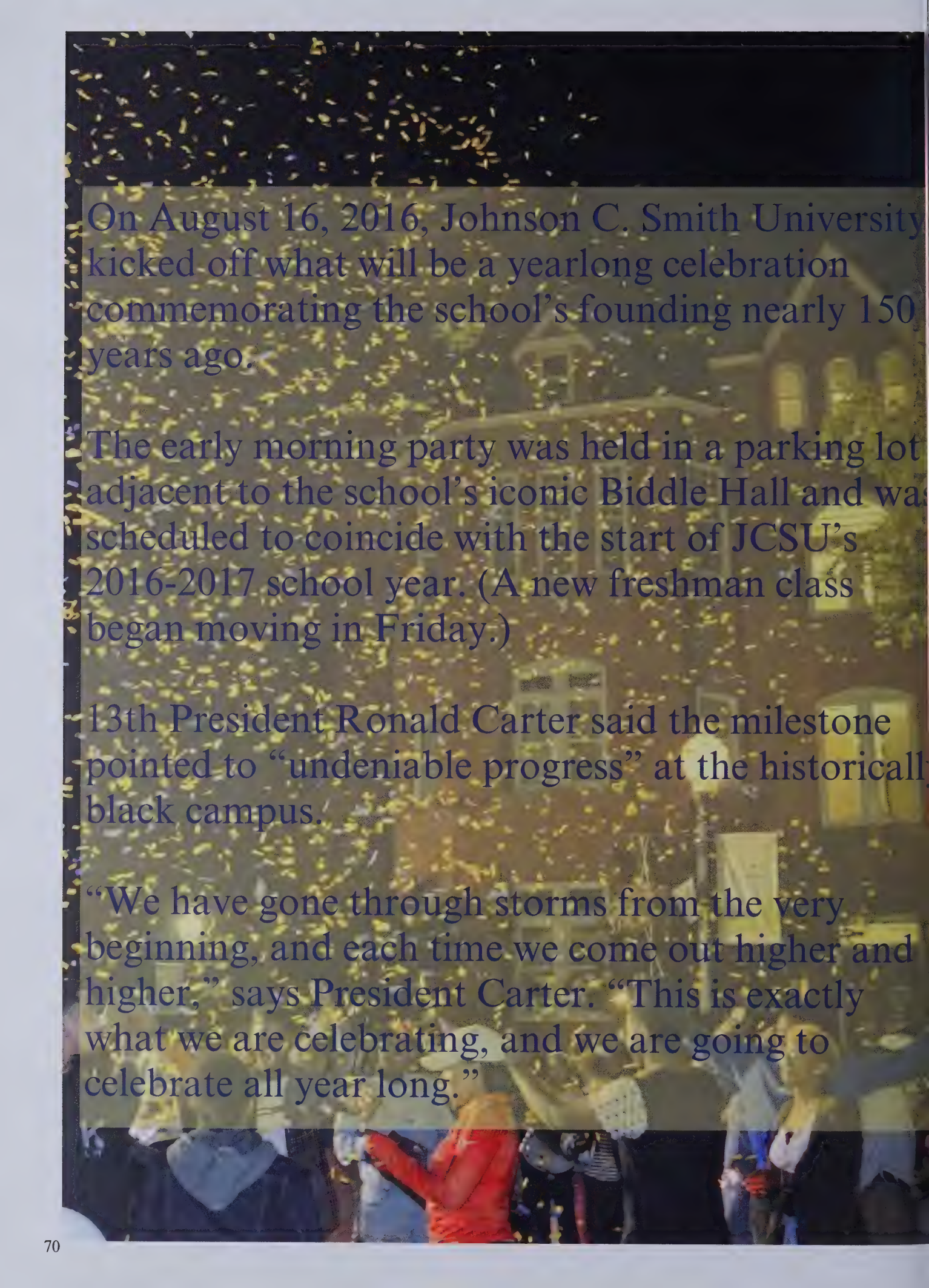
College is a place to experience new things and learn what you enjoy. Student activities are a great way to get involved, providing a break from the stress of classes and adding a recreational element to your education. Make the most of your college experience by surrounding yourself with fun people and endeavors. Find student activities that align with your passions and see what they're all about. Better yet, start a group or club that you enjoy and that you feel others could benefit from.

Student activities are also a great way to build your résumé. Showing future employers what groups you've been a part of, or even led, looks great and can be extremely beneficial when you're seeking employment. It helps to show employers that you're able to handle responsibility, are a hard worker, and that you get along well with people. The annual Student Organization Fair is the step to making connections









On August 16, 2016, Johnson C. Smith University kicked off what will be a yearlong celebration commemorating the school's founding nearly 150 years ago.

The early morning party was held in a parking lot adjacent to the school's iconic Biddle Hall and was scheduled to coincide with the start of JCSU's 2016-2017 school year. (A new freshman class began moving in Friday.)

13th President Ronald Carter said the milestone pointed to "undeniable progress" at the historically black campus.

"We have gone through storms from the very beginning, and each time we come out higher and higher," says President Carter. "This is exactly what we are celebrating, and we are going to celebrate all year long."



A photograph of four people standing in a row against a dark background with a large, stylized white letter 'W' behind them. From left to right: a woman with reddish hair in a black and white patterned jacket, a woman with short blonde hair in a dark blue dress, a man with short grey hair in a black tuxedo with a bow tie, and a woman with short blonde hair in a light blue sleeveless dress. They are all smiling. A semi-transparent purple box with white text is overlaid on the bottom half of the image.

Johnson C. Smith University held its 10th annual Arch of Triumph Gala on Saturday, April 7, 2018, in the Crown Ballroom of the Charlotte Convention Center. The Gala celebrates the generosity and achievements of individuals who have made their mark on the university community. The 2018 honorees were: Dr. Octavia Cannon, co-owner of Arboretum Obstetrics and Gynecology; the Griffin family of Griffin Bros. Tire Co.; and Charlotte Mayor Vi Lyles. WCCB's Tonya Rivens was mistress of ceremony.





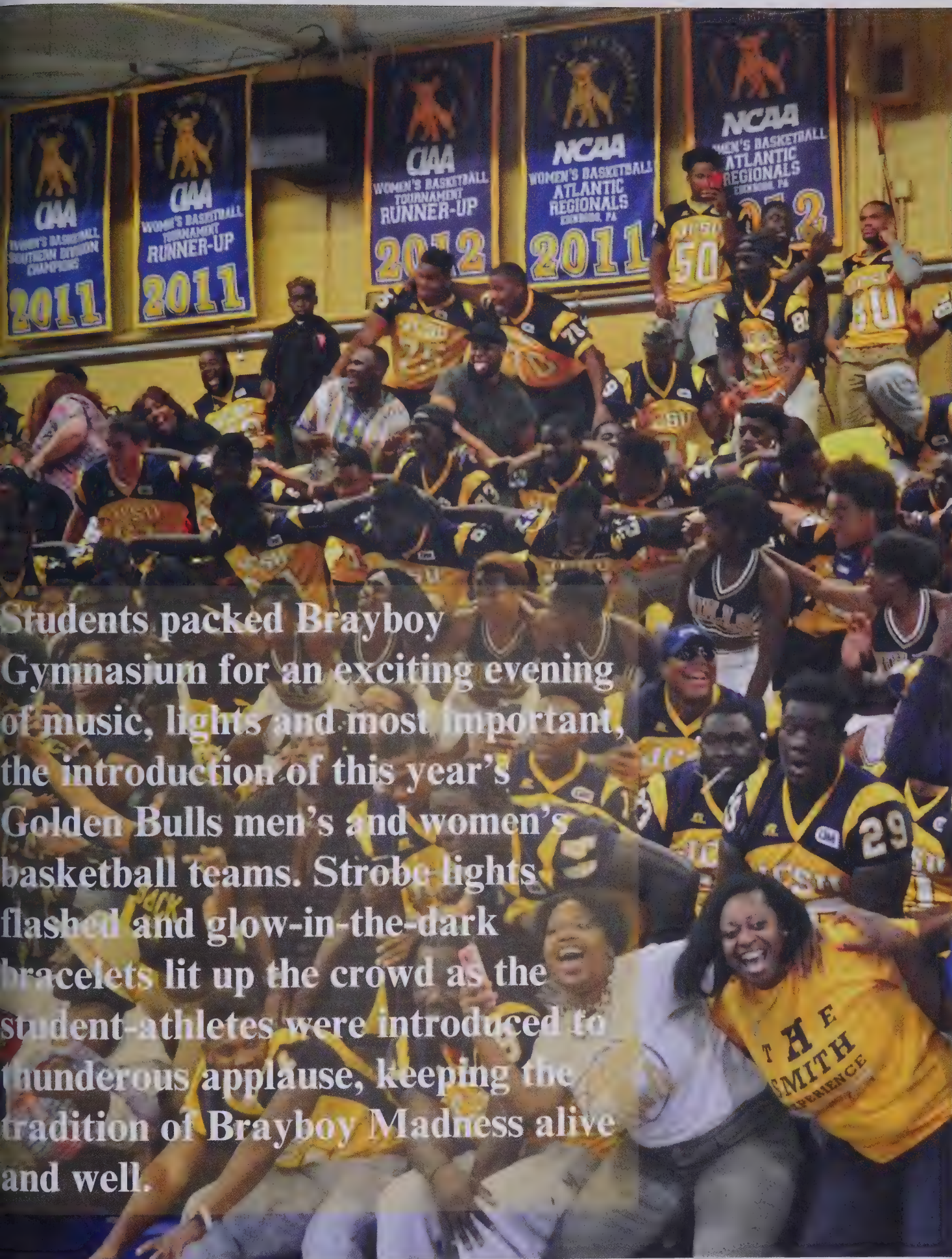




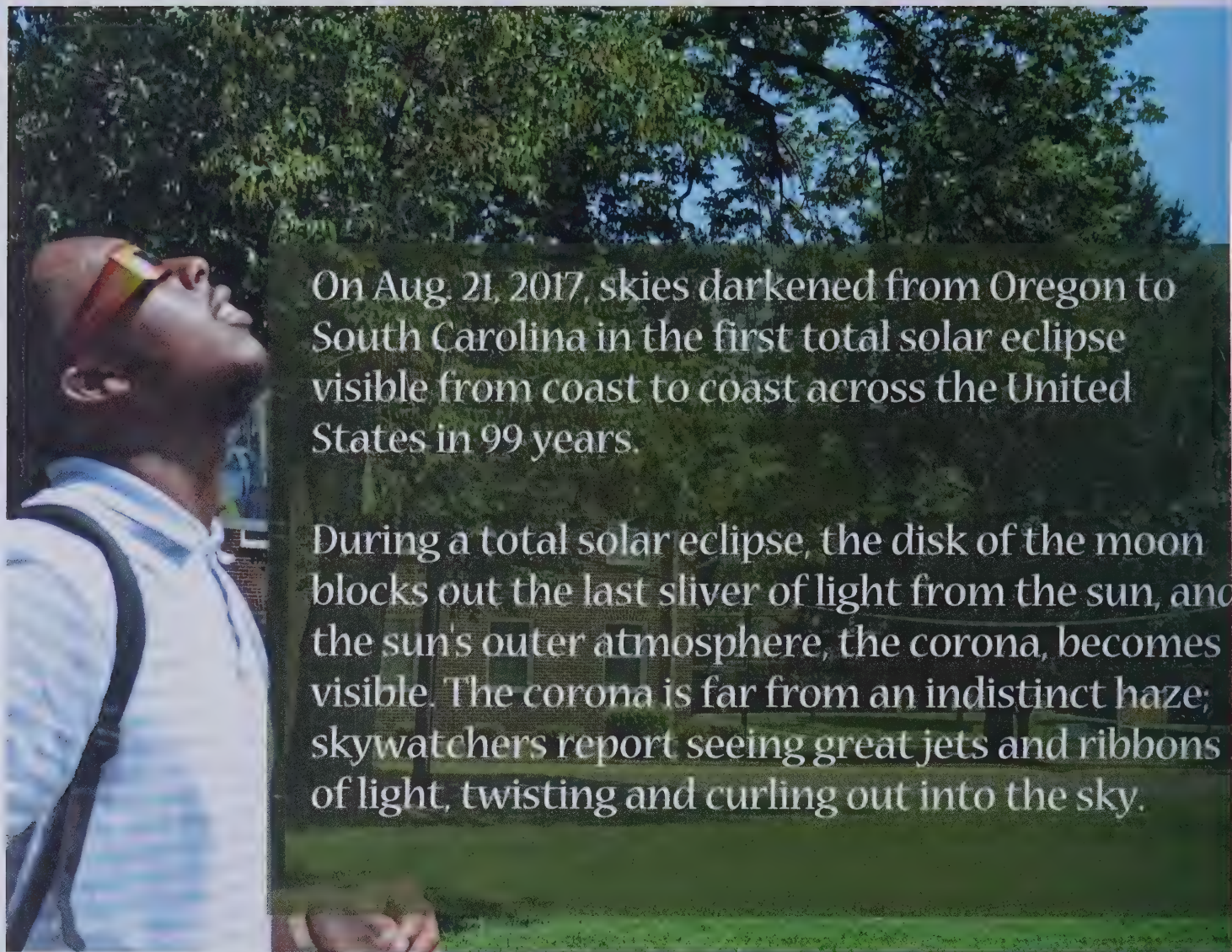
R&B singer K. Michelle and "Empire" star Jussie Smollett hopped on the campaign trail on behalf of Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton. The two singers trekked to HBCU Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina to speak to the students about the importance of social consciousness, social activism and exercising their right to vote.

It was an important stop as North Carolina was a swing state in the 2016 Presidential election.





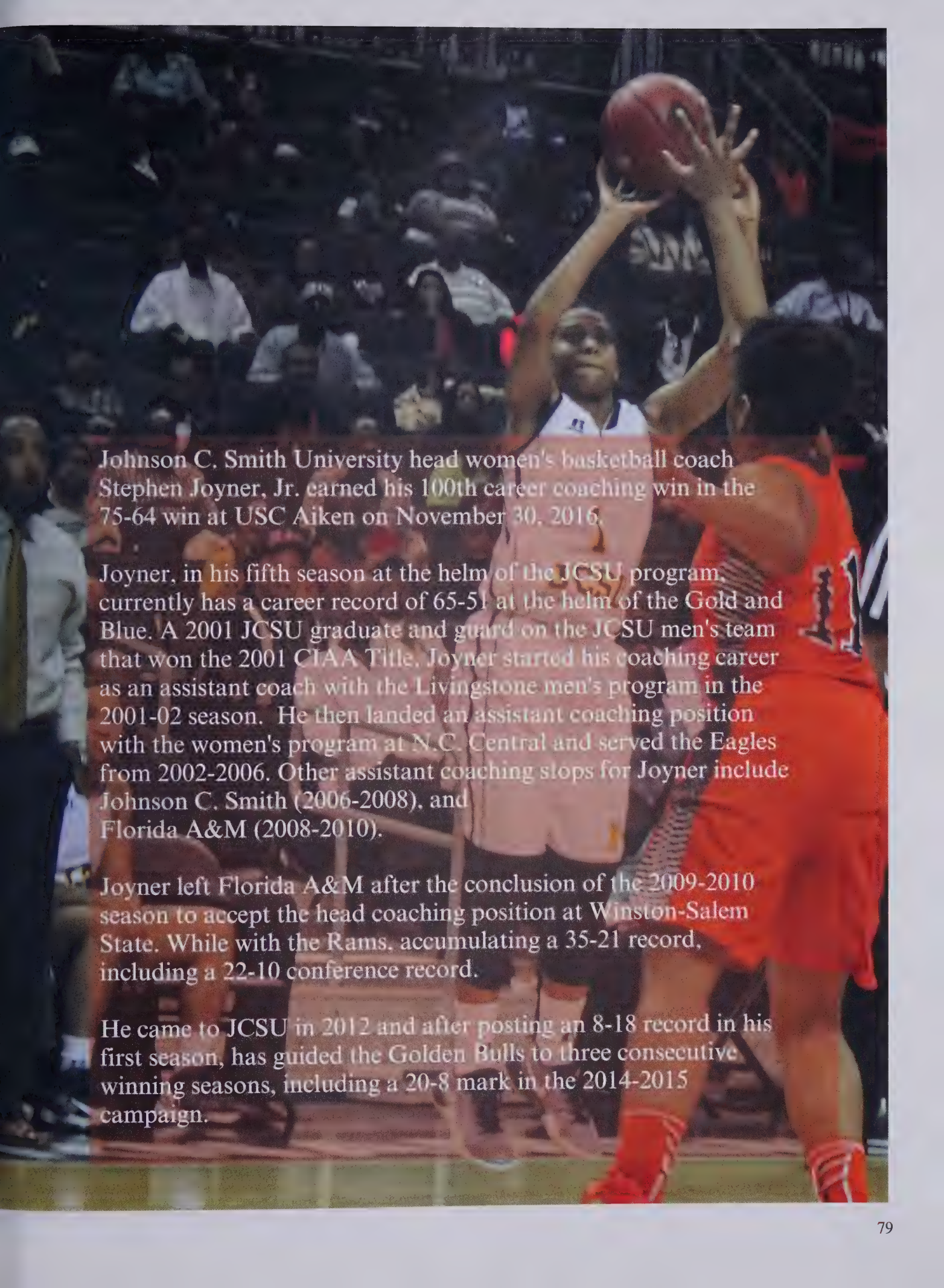
Students packed Brayboy
Gymnasium for an exciting evening
of music, lights and most important,
the introduction of this year's
Golden Bulls men's and women's
basketball teams. Strobe lights
flashed and glow-in-the-dark
bracelets lit up the crowd as the
student-athletes were introduced to
thunderous applause, keeping the
tradition of Brayboy Madness alive
and well.



On Aug. 21, 2017, skies darkened from Oregon to South Carolina in the first total solar eclipse visible from coast to coast across the United States in 99 years.

During a total solar eclipse, the disk of the moon blocks out the last sliver of light from the sun, and the sun's outer atmosphere, the corona, becomes visible. The corona is far from an indistinct haze; skywatchers report seeing great jets and ribbons of light, twisting and curling out into the sky.



A photograph of a basketball game. A player in a white jersey is in the air, shooting the ball. A player in a red jersey is jumping to block the shot. The background shows a crowd of spectators in a gymnasium.

Johnson C. Smith University head women's basketball coach Stephen Joyner, Jr. earned his 100th career coaching win in the 75-64 win at USC Aiken on November 30, 2016.

Joyner, in his fifth season at the helm of the JCSU program, currently has a career record of 65-51 at the helm of the Gold and Blue. A 2001 JCSU graduate and guard on the JCSU men's team that won the 2001 CIAA Title, Joyner started his coaching career as an assistant coach with the Livingstone men's program in the 2001-02 season. He then landed an assistant coaching position with the women's program at N.C. Central and served the Eagles from 2002-2006. Other assistant coaching stops for Joyner include Johnson C. Smith (2006-2008), and Florida A&M (2008-2010).

Joyner left Florida A&M after the conclusion of the 2009-2010 season to accept the head coaching position at Winston-Salem State. While with the Rams, accumulating a 35-21 record, including a 22-10 conference record.

He came to JCSU in 2012 and after posting an 8-18 record in his first season, has guided the Golden Bulls to three consecutive winning seasons, including a 20-8 mark in the 2014-2015 campaign.



Clarence D. "Clay" Armbrister became the 14th president of Johnson C. Smith University on January 1, 2018. Armbrister, who brings over 35 years of experience in the private and public sectors, has an extensive background at all levels of education, including time in senior administrative and leadership positions at Temple University, Johns Hopkins University, the School District of Philadelphia and Girard College. In addition to his background in education, Armbrister has held executive positions in law, government and finance.

